

## Nuclear Physicist Dies Of Smoke Inhalation

EL CAJON — A nuclear physicist, injured when his bed caught fire last night, died of apparent smoke inhalation in El Cajon Valley Hospital.

Deputy coroner David Stark said Elmer Pierre Nemas, 49, of the Frontier Hotel, 554 E. Main St., apparently had been smoking in bed.

Firemen were called at 8:38 p.m. to extinguish the smoldering blaze in Room 8. Nemas was dead on arrival at 9:45 p.m. at the hospital. Firemen said only the bed was burned and the cause is still under study.

In addition to being a nuclear physicist, Stark said Nemas was a medical doctor and held a Ph.D.