August 14, 2012 - Electrical Fire Damages Home in Morning Fire

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The Shreveport Fire Department was dispatched to a second house fire early this morning at 4130 Joe Louis Street at 6:17 AM. Fire Crews arrived on scene within two minutes to find a one story wood frame home with smoke coming from the windows. They entered the home and found a bedroom involved with fire and were able to extinguish it quickly and confined the fire to the one bedroom. The fire was brought under control at 6:32 AM.

The home was occupied by two adults. The home did not have a working smoke detector; fortunately the occupants were awake at the time of the fire and began to smell smoke in the home. Both escaped without injury.

The fire was determined to be caused by an overloaded electrical circuit. An extension cord had a window air conditioner and several other appliances attached to it and could not sustain the electrical current being applied.

The Shreveport Fire Department encourages all citizens to plug appliances directly into outlets and not use extension cords. Also, be careful not to plug several appliances into one plug and overload the circuit. Additionally, all citizens are encouraged to have a working smoke detector in their home for early detection of fires. If a citizen needs a smoke detector please contact the Shreveport Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau at 673-6740.