

## March 1, 2012 - Electrical Fire Damages Home

*The fire was contained to the front living room*

The Shreveport Fire Department was dispatched this evening to 4122 Joe Louis Street at 6:30 pm for a reported house fire. Fire crews arrived on scene within three minutes and found a one story wood frame home with flames and smoke coming from the front of the home. Fire crews made immediate entry and brought the fire under control at 6:45 pm.

The fire was determined by investigators to have started from a window air conditioning unit plugged into an extension cord that overheated. The fire was contained to the front living room of the home which suffered heavy fire damage. The home is occupied by one male adult who was in the backyard at the time of the fire and he suffered no injuries.

Shreveport Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau recommends to all citizens **to not use** extension cords for air conditioning units. The safest way to operate these units is to plug them directly into an outlet and follow the manufacturer's recommendation for operation of the appliance.