

June 6, 2012 - Highland Home Suffers Heavy Damage from Afternoon Fire

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The Shreveport Fire Department responded to 1524 Gilbert Street today at 12:00 PM to a reported house fire. Engine Company #5 arrived on scene first at 12:04 PM and reported a one-story brick home with heavy smoke coming from the roof. The engine company went in to attack the fire and a rescue company also entered the structure as there were initial reports someone may be inside. A primary search was completed and no one was inside.

Three engine companies and the rescue company were used to extinguish the fire as it spread quickly through attack space. Eventually, a portion of the roof collapse causing problems for firefighting crews to reach all the areas of the attic where the fire had extended. Previous remodeling to the original construction of the home also hindered efforts to get to several void spaces where the fire had spread. The fire was brought under control at 12:43 PM.

There was no one home at the time and there were no injuries to firefighters working at the scene. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.