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### **Family of 8 Escapes Early Morning House Fire in the Highland Neighborhood**

A family of 8 escaped their burning home unharmed this morning in the Highland neighborhood. The home is located in the 1600 Blk. of Creswell Ave. The Shreveport Fire Department received the call of a two-story house on fire at 5:18 am. The caller reported that the front of the house was on fire. Firefighters from Station 7 arrived on scene within 2 minutes and reported heavy fire visible from the first and second floors of the front of the home.

As fire crews made entry into the front of the home flames could be seen coming from the rear of the structure. It took 12 – Fire Units, 35 – Firefighters, 27 – minutes to bring the situation under control. Battalion Chief Scott Rothell placed the fire under control at 5:45 am. Firefighters found several small puppies inside the home that didn't survive the intense fire.

The entire home sustained heavy fire damage; the American Red Cross was contacted to assist the family. The home's occupants said they did have working smoke detectors in the home. There was one firefighter injured while battling the blaze, they were transported to a local hospital for treatment. The fire is under investigations by the Shreveport Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau. ###SFD###