



# SHREVEPORT FIRE

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## **For Immediate Release**

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### **Early Morning House Fire Affects Three Families**

Shreveport Fire crews were dispatched at 2:42 a.m. to a reported house fire that was called in by several citizens. Three homes received damage related to the fire, affecting 11 citizens.

SFD Engine #5 arrived on the scene in four minutes to a single-story home in the 2400 block of C E Galloway Boulevard. Engine #5, Captain Johnathan Mayo, reported one home fully engulfed, with two adjacent homes receiving fire damage. Fire crews initially had to change firefighting tactics after being met with live power lines in the front yard. SWEPCO was requested and quickly responded to eliminate the electrical threat.

The two neighboring homes were evacuated during the incident until crews could deem them safe to re-enter. The fully engulfed home has been declared a total loss and is uninhabitable. That home was occupied by five citizens, who were all able to make it to safety before SFD's arrival. Those citizens have been provided resources through the United Way 2-1-1 service. The neighboring homes received minor damage to the exterior of their homes. They were able to re-enter their homes before SFD left the scene.

It took the efforts of 10 units— 24 firefighters and support—30 minutes to bring the situation under control. The cause of the fire is under investigation. There were no injuries to firefighters or citizens. ###