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Shreveport Firefighters Battle Early Morning Fire at Mount Carmel Baptist Church in the Mooretown Neighborhood (Council District F)

Shreveport Fire Fighters were dispatched to the 5200 Blk. of Broadway Ave. this morning for a commercial building fire. Caddo 911 received the initial report of a building on fire from a citizen passing by the church and firefighters were dispatched at 3:19 am. Fire Crews from Fire Station 14 arrived on scene at 3:23 am and reported heavy smoke and fire coming from the front and side of the single-story wood framed church.

Fire crews initially entered the church on fire attack, as crews were battling the flames the conditions inside the structure deteriorated. The situation inside the structure became unsafe for interior fire attack operations and the incident commander ordered a defensive fire attack operation. Firefighters directed hose streams into the structure and a ladder truck was used to bring the situation under control. The situation was placed under control at 4:04 am.

There were 11 – Fire Units and 32 – Firefighters initially dispatched to the fire. There were no injuries reported and the fire is under investigations. The church received extensive damage and is a complete loss. Fire crews will be on scene most of the morning performing salvage and overhaul operations. ###SFD###