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Several Fires Kept Crews Busy Throughout the Early Morning

Shreveport Firefighters were kept busy this morning as four structure fires were dispatched within hours.

The first fire was dispatched at 3:41 am in the 2300 block of San Jacinto Ave. The first unit arrived within 4 minutes to report a wood framed home fully engulfed in flames. The home had been boarded, with no utilities, and appeared to be vacant. The fire was placed under control at 4:32 am. The fire appears suspicious in nature. Shreveport Fire Investigations will be looking into the cause and responsible parties.

The second fire was dispatched at 4:56 am in the 2300 block of Portland Ave. This home is located less than a mile from the first fire. The first unit arrived at 5:00 am and reported a wood framed home fully engulfed in flames. The home appeared to be vacant with no utilities. The Fire Investigators noticed candles were possibly being used by someone occupying the structure. When fire crews arrived, there were no occupants or witnesses nearby. It took nearly an hour to place the situation under control.

The third fire was dispatched 5:14 am near the corner of Columbia St. and Highland Ave. Fire crews arrived at 5:17 am and found a wood framed, detached garage fully engulfed in flames behind a home in the 500 block of Columbia St. It was reported that two males were allowed to occupy the structure for living purposes. One of the escaped occupants stated he was unsure of the whereabouts of the other occupant. The structure was searched thoroughly several times prior to extinguishing the structure to the slab. It is believed that the male escaped prior to fire departments arrival. The fire is under investigation.

The fourth fire was dispatched at 5:47 am in the 3900 block of Huston St. The home owner called it in after noticing light smoke inside the home. The home owner safely evacuated four other occupants from the home prior to SFD's arrival. Fire crews arrived at 5:53 am to find light smoke coming from the roof eaves. After further investigation a fire was extinguished in the attic leaving the home with moderate damage.

As normal practice, the Communications Division backfills fire stations to adequately keep communities safe and decrease response times when time consuming incidents occur.

One minor injury was reported to a firefighter.

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