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Shreveport Fire Responds to a House Fire in the Cedar Grove Neighborhood; One Resident Hospitalized

Shreveport, LA – On Monday, November 18, 2024, at approximately 10:57 AM, the Shreveport Fire Department was dispatched to reports of a house fire in the 8400 block of David Drive in the Cedar Grove neighborhood. The 911 call was made by one of the occupants of the home, who reported that their house was on fire.

Upon arrival at 11:00 AM, the first fire crew from Station #9, led by Captain Chase Sepulvado (Engine #9), encountered heavy smoke and flames visible from the roof of the one-story, wood-frame residence. Firefighters immediately initiated a coordinated attack to suppress the fire.

Thanks to the presence of a working smoke alarm inside the structure, the occupant was alerted to the fire and was able to wake the second resident, allowing both individuals to evacuate safely. The fire was placed under control within 13 minutes of the first crew's arrival, with 11 fire units—comprising 24 firefighters and support personnel—responding to the scene.

The fire did not result in any injuries to Shreveport firefighters. One resident, however, was treated for smoke inhalation at the scene and subsequently transported to a nearby local hospital. The occupants were also connected with the American Red Cross for assistance.

The cause and origin of the fire are currently under investigation by the Shreveport Fire Investigation Office.

The Shreveport Fire Department urges residents to ensure that their homes are equipped with working smoke alarms. "Smoke alarms save lives," said Chief Calvin Baker, Jr. Public Information Officer. "A working smoke alarm is a critical life-saving tool in any home. We encourage all residents to check their smoke alarms regularly and replace the batteries as needed."

For residents of the City of Shreveport who need a smoke alarm, the Fire Department offers free smoke alarms and installation. To request a smoke alarm, please contact the Shreveport Fire Department at (318) 673-6740. ###