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House Fire on Kennedy Drive

The Shreveport Fire Department was dispatched this afternoon at 3:47 p.m. for a report of a house fire in the 5700 block of Kennedy Drive. Engine 16 arrived on scene at 3:51 p.m. and reported heavy smoke exiting the home through the front door.

The 8 units and 22 firefighters quickly had the single-room blaze extinguished within minutes, and no injuries were reported. Luckily no one was at home at the time of the fire. The Shreveport Fire Investigators have determined the cause of the fire to be a space heater placed too closely to other furniture within the home. American Red Cross information was provided to the citizen displaced by the fire.

As the winter months bring colder temperatures, many utilize space heaters within their home. The Shreveport Fire Department would like to remind all of these safety measures when using space heaters and the precautions needed:

- The Space Heater should not be placed within 36 inches of other items.
- Always ensure that space heaters have been turned “off” prior to leaving the room, especially your home.
- Space heaters should be used on a flat surface and it is encouraged for them to have an automatic shut-off feature in the event the heater is tipped over.
- Space heaters should be plugged directly into the wall outlet; extension cords and surge protectors should not be used for these items.

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