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Shreveport Fire Responds to a House Fire in the 6500 Block of Canal Blvd in the Sunset Acres Neighborhood

Shreveport, LA – On Saturday, December 28, 2024, at approximately 5:55 AM, the Shreveport Fire Department was dispatched to reports of a house fire in the 6500 block of Canal Blvd. in the Sunset Acres 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 5:59 AM, the first fire crew from Station #15, led by Captain Traotis Robinson (Engine #15), encountered heavy smoke and flames visible from the left side of the one-story, wood-frame residence. Firefighters immediately initiated a coordinated attack to suppress the fire.

There was not a working smoke alarm inside the structure, yet the occupant was alerted by the heat from the fire inside her bedroom and was able to wake the other residents, allowing for them to evacuate safely. The fire was placed under control within 12 minutes of the first crew's arrival, with 10 fire units—comprising 22 firefighters and support personnel—responding to the scene.

The fire did not result in any injuries to Shreveport firefighters or citizens. 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. ###