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## **Two Residents Transported as Shreveport Fire battles House Fire**

**Shreveport, LA** – On Sunday, January 26, 2025, at approximately 4:47 AM, the Shreveport Fire Department was dispatched to reports of a house fire in the 600 block of W. 72<sup>nd</sup> St. 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 with smoke and flames visible.

Upon arrival at 4:51 AM, the first fire crew from Station #9, led by Captain Allen Smith (Engine #9), encountered heavy smoke and flames visible from the front side of the one-story, brick veneer 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 smell and presence of smoke from the fire inside the structure. Two of the occupants escaped through one on the windows of the structure while the other escaped through a doorway leading to the outside. The fire was placed under control within 14 minutes of the first crew's arrival, with 12 fire units—comprising 26 firefighters and support personnel—responding to the scene.

Two of the three occupants were transported to a nearby hospital from injuries sustained during the house fire. The occupants were also connected with additional resources for assistance. There were no injuries to any Shreveport Firefighters during this incident.

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 James Touchet, Battalion Chief of the Shreveport Fire Department. "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. ###