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Shreveport Fire Attacks House Fire in Frigid Temperatures

Shreveport, LA – On Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at approximately 11:22 AM, the Shreveport Fire Department was dispatched to reports of a house fire in the 600 block of Merrick St. The 911 call was made by a neighbor to the Caddo 911 Dispatch Center that a house was on fire with heavy smoke visible.

Upon arrival at approximately 11:25 AM, the first fire crew from Station #7, led by Captain Matt Tucker (Engine #7), encountered heavy smoke visible from the roof of the one-story, wood frame structure. Firefighters immediately initiated a coordinated attack to suppress the fire.

The occupant of the residence was not home at the time of the fire. Members of Rescue #1 led by Captain Leonard Moerer, rescued a pet canine while completing search and rescue of the structure. The pet canine was administered care on scene and is expected to make a full recovery. The fire was placed under control within 11 minutes of the first crew's arrival, with 11 fire units—comprising 23 firefighters and support personnel—responding to the scene.

Fortunately, this house fire did not result in any injuries to Shreveport firefighters or citizens of Shreveport.

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

Regular chimney cleaning and maintenance are essential to prevent fire hazards and ensure the safe operation of your fireplace. The Shreveport Fire Department emphasizes the importance of keeping chimneys clean and well-maintained to reduce the risk of chimney fires and ensure the safe operation of heating appliances.

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