



# SHREVEPORT FIRE

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## Plant Commercial Building Fire – 10000 Block of Richard Pratt (Pratt Industries)

Shreveport Fire Department fire crews were dispatched at 4:25PM yesterday afternoon to the 10000 block of Richard Pratt @ Pratt Industries to a report of bales of paper on fire. Fire Engine 19 was the first fire engine on scene and reported several paper bales on fire and due to the heavy wind conditions – a second alarm was initiated. Additional SFD Units responded to the incident and a third alarm fire service call was alerted. Multiple agencies along with off duty SFD personnel were dispatched as mutual aid to the incident. These agencies included Bossier City Fire, Caddo Fire District 4, Caddo Fire District 7, Caddo Sheriffs, and a tanker from Desoto Parish.

There were over 100 firefighters on scene that aided in containment and extinguishment tactics for this fire. The 2.5-to-3-acre lot contained over 9500 tons of baled paper products. Shreveport Fire utilized its ARFF truck and SFD units in a rotating of fire service crews, equipment, and units to render firefighting

tactics to contain this fire to the lot while protecting the surrounding plant buildings and facility storage containers.

Shreveport Fire will continue to rotate SFD crews every 3 hours to maintain containment of the lot as large machinery has been brought in to move the burned contents around so SFD can continue to pour copious amounts of water to extinguish the remaining burning material.

One firefighter was transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries for further evaluation. The fire cause is still under investigation.

If you or someone you know needs a free smoke detector, please contact the Shreveport Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau at 318-673-6740.

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