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## **PRESS RELEASE – Immediate Release**

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### **Shreveport Fire Department Responds to Sportran Bus Fire Involving CNG Tank Rupture**

**SHREVEPORT, LA** — At approximately 2:37 PM on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, the Shreveport Fire Department (SFD) responded to a reported vehicle fire involving a Sportran bus at the intersection of N. Hearne Avenue and Forum Drive in the 71101 zip code.

Engine One (E-1) arrived on scene within minutes to find a Sportran bus actively burning, with a relief valve open and flames erupting from one of the vehicle's compressed natural gas (CNG) fuel tanks. SFD crews, in coordination with the Shreveport Police Department, quickly secured the scene and established a safety perimeter to keep bystanders and oncoming traffic at a safe distance.

Shortly after arrival, the fuel tank ruptured, resulting in a rapid escalation of the fire and causing the bus to become fully involved in flames. The rupture led to secondary damage affecting several nearby businesses, vehicles and the concrete pavement where the bus was stopped.

A total of 18 firefighters operating 6 SFD units worked diligently to bring the situation under control. Despite the severity of the incident, no injuries were reported.

The Shreveport Fire Department's Fire Investigation Division is currently leading an investigation into the cause of the fire.

Fire Chief Clarence Reese, Jr. commends the rapid response and coordination of the Shreveport firefighters and partner agencies in ensuring the safety of the public and minimizing further damage.



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