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Motor Vehicle Accident Involving Caddo Parish School Buses – Level 1 MCI Activated

Shreveport, LA — January 19, 2026

At approximately 11:11 a.m., the Shreveport Fire Department was dispatched to a motor vehicle accident involving two Caddo Parish School Board buses traveling eastbound at the LA 3132 and I-49 overpass exit.

Shreveport Fire crews arrived on scene within minutes and confirmed a collision involving two school buses. Upon initial assessment and recognizing the need for additional resources, the Incident Commander promptly declared a Level 1 Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) to ensure adequate medical and operational support.

As a result of the incident, 11 juveniles and 1 adult were transported to area hospitals with non-life-threatening injuries.

The buses were transporting high school band members and auxiliary adult chaperones who were en route to participate in the Krewe of Harambee parade.

Multiple agencies responded and assisted with mitigation and support operations, including:

- Shreveport Fire Department
- Shreveport Police Department
- Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office
- Caddo Fire District 6
- Balentine Ambulance Service

Their coordinated response ensured timely patient care, scene stabilization, and traffic control.

All lanes of traffic have since been reopened, and normal traffic flow has resumed.

Fire Chief Clarence Reese, Jr. extends his appreciation to all responding agencies for their professionalism and rapid coordination, and we are grateful that injuries sustained were not life-threatening. Further information will be released as it becomes available. ###

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