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**Shreveport Fire Department assists with removing the American Flag from
Chase Tower**

The Shreveport Fire Department was able to safely assist Stirling Properties remove the damaged American Flag from the top of Chase Tower. Around 2:00 pm crews from Central Fire Station began to develop a plan to remove the flag as safely and respectfully as possible.

The crews used their knowledge and skills as rope rescue technicians to rig a pulley system so they could free the flag that was tangled within the mechanism on top of the flag pole. Due to safety concerns caused by the wind, the Shreveport Police Department was requested to close the 400 block of Texas Street to protect the public during the removal. The flag was successfully taken down around 4:30. The flag will be destroyed in a dignified manner.

Fire Chief Scott Wolverton stated “We were glad we could assist Stirling Properties in the removal of the flag. This is another example of collaboration between public and private entities working together to better the City of Shreveport.”