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Smoke Detector Saves Man's Life

The Shreveport Fire Department responded to an apartment fire in the 3700 Blk. of Richmond Ave this morning. The fire department was notified of a fire within an apartment at 9:07 am and Engine 7 arrived on scene at 9:10 am. The first units on scene reported smoke showing from the rear of the building.

Firefighters quickly made entry into the apartment and contained the fire to the kitchen area. An occupant asleep on the second floor of the apartment awoke to the sound of the smoke detector and went downstairs to discovered a fire in the kitchen.

Firefighters contained the fire to the first floor of the two-story apartment, the entire unit sustained smoke damage and the next door apartment had some minor water damage. There were 11 - Fire Units and 32 - Firefighters dispatched to the incident. Battalion 4, the incident commander, placed the situation under control at 9:20 am.

The occupant escaped through a downstairs back door, he was treated on scene by firefighters for a minor injury. There were no firefighters injuried and the fire is under investigations at this time.

FIre Chief Scott Wolverton encourages all residents in Shreveport to ensure they have a working smoke detector, the Shreveport Fire Department will install a smoke detector for free by calling 318-673-6740. ###SFD###