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Fire District No. 1 Firefighters Save 5th Street Residence



At approximately 10:45 PM Wednesday evening Fire District No. 1 firefighters were called to an unoccupied structure located at 1933 5th Street in Slidell. Firefighters found a single-story structure of approximately 2,000 sq. ft. heavily involved in fire.

The adjacent home presented the responders with an immediate problem as it was very close to the fire building and was endanger of catching on fire.

After assuring that both structures were evacuated, firefighters entered the 5th Street home and extinguished the fire before it could spread to any other homes in the area.

Fire District No. 1 Fire Chief Larry Hess said it was fortunate that the fire was in an area that is near Station 11 in the Old Town part of Slidell. That allowed for a very quick response and safe extinguishment of this fire.

Hess further pointed out that Station 13, which was the assigned second fire engine due at this location was out of service for the day, as the station located at Robert Boulevard and Marche was closed due to budget constraints.

The fire was under control in about 25 minutes. No civilians or firefighters incurred any injuries. 20 firefighters and four fire engines responded to the scene.

Hess noted that investigators have determined the cause of the fire as an electrical problem.