

ST. TAMMANY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT # 1

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Sunday is no day of rest for St. Tammany Fire District #1

Slidell, LA.-STFPD#1 firefighters responded to 23 emergency calls in a 24 hour period on Sunday. Four of these calls were fire related and were received within a two hour period between 2 and 4 pm. Firefighters were able to contain the fires even though their resources were spread thin.

The scramble to cover the fire calls began at 2:35 pm when firefighters were dispatched to a large grass fire located in the area of 952 Pine St. When firefighters arrived on the scene they found that fire had engulfed a large wooded area bounded by Pine and Magnolia Streets. The fire had also destroyed one shed and damaged another which was located in the vicinity of the fire.

At 2:40 pm, while firefighters were busy battling the Pine St. fire, another structure fire was reported in the Eagle Lake area located north of Slidell. When firefighters arrived they were able to quickly extinguish a small electrical fire in the utility room of the mobile home.

At 2:48 pm, Fire District #1 was dispatched to the area of 941 Magnolia St. to protect a shed that was being threatened by the quick moving fire that had originated near Pine St.

At 3:51 pm, Fire District #1 was dispatched to a structure fire on Legendre Dr. in the Coin Du Lestin area west of Slidell. Firefighters arrived on the scene at 3:58 and found a 3000 square foot residential structure that had flames showing from the attic area. Firefighters were able to bring the fire under control and save some of the homeowner's valuable possessions. All of this was accomplished despite having to improvise their normal operations due to a limited water supply. Hydrants located in the area were not capable of supplying the necessary volume of water to extinguish the fire, so firefighters were forced to employ portable floating pumps and tanker trucks for additional water.

No injuries were reported in any of these incidents.