

ST. TAMMANY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT # 1

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Commercial Structure Fire at 4848 Pontchartrain Dr.

Slidell, LA.-St. Tammany Fire District#1 responded to a commercial structure fire at 4848 Pontchartrain Dr. in Slidell. Firefighters arrived on the scene in a little under 6 minutes to find smoke showing from a 7700 square foot apartment building. One building with seven units in the Sea Oats Townhouse Apartments had smoke coming from an upstairs bedroom window. Firefighters were able to extinguish the fire within 5 minutes of arriving on the scene.

The tenant in the apartment was not home at the time of the fire. Tenants in the adjacent apartments were alerted by the sound of smoke detectors going off in the apartment. All of the other tenants were able to safely evacuate their apartments. The 1100 square foot apartment received heavy fire damage to one upstairs bedroom and light smoke damage throughout the rest of the apartment. The cause of the fire is believed to be a discarded cigarette in a bedroom trash can. No one was injured and the tenant will be relocated to a vacant apartment in the complex.

1st alarm: 11:09:49

On scene: 11:15:40

Under Control: 11:21:00

Units: 11

Firefighters: 26

Injuries: 0

Cause: Discarded cigarette

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