ST. TAMMANY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #1

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Date of incident: May 11, 2013

Firefighters Extinguish Late Night House Fire, Rescue Pets

Slidell, LA. - St. Tammany Fire District #1 responded to a residential structure fire at 311 Clearwood Dr. in Slidell. Firefighters arrived on the scene in a little over 3 minutes to find smoke and flames showing from an 1800 square foot single story residence. Firefighters were able to extinguish the fire within 29 minutes of arriving on the scene.

The owner was laying down when she saw smoke coming from a bathroom. She attempted to extinguish the fire but had to quickly evacuate the residence along with three of her seven dogs. The owner ran across the street to a neighbor's house, who then called 911. Firefighters rescued three other dogs and two cats from the residence. A cat and a dog perished in the fire.

The fire appears to have started in a bathroom. There was heavy fire damage to a bathroom and an adjacent bedroom. The rest of the home had moderate smoke damage. The cause of the fire appears to have been started by ashes from a cigarette. No injuries were reported.

1st alarm: 22:10:41 On scene: 22:14:03 Under Control: 22:39:46 Units: 9 Firefighters: 17 Injuries: 0 Cause: Cigarette Ashes

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