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Shreveport Firefighters Battle Several Fires Overnight

Shreveport Firefighters were kept busy late Saturday night into Sunday morning with a commercial fire and residential fire. The first fire was reported late Saturday night at 10:12 p.m. in the 1600 Blk. of Van Loan Street located between Linwood Bridge and I-49. Firefighters arrived on scene of a 5-story abandoned commercial building at 10:16 p.m. and located small fires on multiple floors. Firefighters were able to extinguish the fires located on the first, third, and fourth floors.

A squatter was located within the building as firefighters were extinguishing the fires throughout. The gentleman was removed from the building and issued a summons by fire investigations. There were 13 – Fire Units and 40 firefighters on scene and the incident was terminated at midnight.

At 4:18 a.m. firefighters were dispatched back to the commercial building in the 1600 Blk. of Van Loan. When Battalion 2 arrived on scene at 4:24 a.m. he reported the entire fourth floor was on fire. Multiple ladder trucks were set up and a defensive fire attack was established. Over 50 firefighters were on scene to control and fire units were rotated throughout the morning to ensure all fires were extinguished. The second fire originated in a separate area of the building than the first incident. Fire investigations along with Shreveport Police were investigating the second fire. There were no injuries reported for either incident.

Firefighters were dispatched to the 1100 Blk. of Portland in the Allendale neighborhood at 9:20 a.m. for a single-story wood framed house on fire. Firefighters arrived on scene at 9:24 a.m. and reported heavy fire showing from the front of the home. The homes occupant escaped prior to the fire department's arrival. He sustained injuries from the fire and was transported to a local hospital. There were 9 – Fire Units and 26 – Firefighters on scene to control the blaze. The home sustained heavy fire damage throughout. There were no firefighters injured during this fire. The origin and cause of the fire is not known at this time. ###SFD###