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Shreveport Fire Department Records First Fire Fatality of 2025

Shreveport, LA – On Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at approximately 7:05 AM, the Shreveport Fire Department was dispatched to reports of a house fire in the 5200 block of Norton St. in the Mooretown neighborhood. The 911 call was made by a neighbor to the 911 Dispatch Center that a house was on fire with smoke and flames visible.

Upon arrival at approximately 7:09 AM, the first fire crew from Station #14, led by Captain Corey Cummings (Engine #14), encountered heavy smoke and flames visible from the front of the one-story, wood-frame residence. Firefighters immediately initiated a coordinated attack to suppress the fire but encountered difficult conditions within the home to conduct search/rescue and firefighting.

One elderly female victim was located shortly after the first unit arrived on scene inside the home near the back door with injuries consisted with a house fire. The victim was transported to a nearby hospital with life threatening injuries where she was later pronounced deceased. The victim's name has not been released at this time. A pet dog was also found deceased inside the structure. The fire was placed under control within 24 minutes of the first crew's arrival, with 13 fire units—comprising of 26 firefighters and support personnel—responding to the scene.

Fire Chief Clarence Reese, Jr. would like to extend his heartfelt condolences to the victim's family during this difficult moment. Shreveport Fire Department is committed to Fire Prevention in honor of all fire victim's.

The fire did not result in any injuries to Shreveport firefighters.

The cause and origin of the fire are currently under investigation by the Shreveport Fire Investigation Office. As standard procedure, Louisiana State Fire Marshal has been contacted. There was a smoke detector found inside the home but is still under investigation if the smoke detector was operable during the time of the fire. This is the first fire fatality for the year 2025 in the City of Shreveport.

If you are in need of a home smoke detector, please contact the Shreveport Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau at (318) 673-6740 ###