



## **POLICE AND FIRE RESPOND TO RESIDENTIAL FIRE IN NORTH KENNER**

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*For Immediate Release*

At 3:15 AM this morning, Kenner Police responded to a reported residential fire in the 1800 block of 39th Street near its intersection with Connecticut Avenue in north Kenner. Officers arrived within minutes to find the single-story corner residence fully engulfed in flames. Officers assisted a number of persons who had escaped the burning structure.

Fire Chief John Hellmers reported that Kenner Fire Department personnel arrived at 3:17 AM and were able to bring the fire under control at 4:04 AM. One fireman sustained minor injuries while fighting the intense flames and was treated and remained on scene.

The residence was occupied by a single family. A number of occupants of the residence sustained injuries and smoke inhalation and were transported via East Jefferson EMS to Ochsner Kenner as well as Ochsner's main campus on Jefferson Highway for treatment.

Investigators from the Louisiana State Fire Marshal's Office were on the scene early this morning conducting an investigation, assisted by the Kenner Police Department. Initial indications are that the fire started in the attic and spread to the rest of the structure. The exact cause of the fire is still under investigation.

The identities and conditions of the occupants are not being released at this time pending notification to immediate family members.

Further information on this incident will be forthcoming from the Kenner Police Department. That agency's Public Information Officer can be contacted directly for additional information.

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