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ALLIANCE STREET STRUCTURE FIRE UNDER CONTROL

Kenner, LA. – The Kenner Fire Department responded to a structure fully engulfed in fire this morning when a neighbor called to notify 911 at 12:11 A.M. that there were flames coming out of the home.

The residences, located at 418 & 420 Alliance Street, had flames coming from multiple windows of the building when KFD arrived on scene as well as a shed behind the building involved in the fire. In addition to five KFD trucks, support from Jefferson Parish East Bank Consolidated as well as three units from the Third District Volunteer Fire Department were able to bring the fire under control at 1:28 A.M.

The high winds prompted evacuation of the neighboring residences, with one neighboring residence having some damage to its exterior siding. Acting Fire Chief Joe Sunseri said Capt. Lance Levy and his team, with Operator Bobby Killian and Firefighter Doug Graffato, saved the structure next door, when the home collapsed while engulfed.

In addition, there were power lines down and natural gas leaking. Entergy is on scene and has cut power to the building and Atmos is on scene to turn off the natural gas lines.

The railroad has been notified due to the proximity of the incident and a train was passing when first responders arrived on scene. No rail traffic is passing at this time.

East Jefferson EMS has two units on scene as a standby for any first responder or resident injuries. No injuries were reported to occupants or responders during the incident. Kenner Police Department personnel controlled traffic flow on this area of the roadway.

Mayor Ben Zahn is greatly appreciative of the hard work not only our fire department demonstrates on each call, but of the quick response of neighboring first responders. "With a situation that impacts the railroad

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infrastructure in addition to local power lines and gas lines, Kenner is fortunate to have such professional fire personnel work with utilities around the area to ensure the safety of its homes and businesses.”

“In high wind situations, not only is the involved structure a consideration with its inhabitants,” said Acting Fire Chief Joseph P. Sunseri, “but the safety of the surrounding structures. Our fire department was able to respond to a dangerous situation with power lines down and gas leaking, evacuate the neighbors, and attack the fire with the mutual response of our partner agencies.”

The commercial business located in the rear of the residence was not damaged in this incident.

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