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NO ONE INJURED IN APARTMENT FIRE IN KENNER

Kenner, LA. – The Kenner Fire Department responded within minutes to a house fire on Baylor Place Thursday afternoon, stopping the blaze before it could significantly damage the second half of a double, Kenner Fire Chief John Hellmers said.

The fire, at 237-239 Baylor Place, was reported at 4:53 p.m. The first firefighters arrived at the scene at 5 p.m. and the blaze was under control 17 minutes later, Hellmers said.

The two occupants of 237 Baylor were displaced, and the eight residents at 239 Baylor were temporarily displaced until gas service can be restored to their apartment, Hellmers said Thursday night.

The fire “appeared to be electrical in nature” and started in the wall of a laundry wall, Hellmers said. The wiring was aluminum, which can overheat depending on the wiring connections.

“If you become aware that you have aluminum wiring, it’s a good idea to have a licensed electrician take a look to make sure the wiring is safe,” Hellmers said. Aluminum wiring was common in apartments and mobile homes from the mid-1960s to the early 1970s.

The fire caused an estimated \$10,000 in damage, Hellmers said.

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