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THREE-ALARM FIRE AT SOUTH KENNER CARNIVAL WAREHOUSE UNDER CONTROL

Kenner, LA. – No one was injured in a three-alarm fire involving a warehouse filled with Carnival floats Tuesday morning in south Kenner, Fire Chief John Hellmers said.

The fire was reported at 5:47 a.m. at 711 Oxley Street and Kenner firefighters were on the scene four minutes later, Hellmers said. A float outside the warehouse was on fire and the interior of the warehouse also was on fire, Hellmers said.

Officials aren't sure if the fire started in the float and spread into the building or the other way around. In any event, Hellmers described the three-alarm blaze as suspicious. "We have a float outside that wouldn't have anything in there to indicate it could burn by itself," he said.

Investigators from ATF and the state Fire Marshal's Office are looking into the cause of the fire, Hellmers said.

While the warehouse was filled with seven or eight floats and plenty of supplies, Hellmers said the damage was limited to the front of the building.

"The guys did a really remarkable job with such an aggressive attack on this fire," he said. "Toward the front of the building near where the float outside was located, there was some heavy damage, but further inside there was a good stop."

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