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NOFD Battles the Elements to Extinguish Two 1-Alarm Fires During Isaac

New Orleans, LA. – Tuesday, August 28, 2012 the New Orleans Fire Department (NOFD) battled through strong winds and heavy rain to extinguish two one-alarm fires in the midst of Hurricane Isaac. At 6:30 pm firefighters were dispatched to 2421 Marais St. after NOFD Fire Alarm dispatchers received 911 call reporting smoke in the area. The first of six NOFD units carrying twenty suppression personnel arrived on the scene at 6:35 pm, finding smoke coming from the rear of a single family occupied dwelling. Firefighters forced entry into the home, finding a rear bedroom in the home on fire. Firefighters were able to contain the fire to the room of origin, bringing this incident under control at 6:55 pm. With assistance from neighbors, fire department personnel were able to speak to the homeowner who had evacuated to MS for the storm. With no one at home and the fire's origin haven been pin-pointed to a bedroom mattress, NOFD Fire Investigators are listing this incident as "under investigation" until a formal interview can be conducted with the homeowner. No injuries were reported during this fire.

The second of the 1-alarm fires occurred at 4432 Music St. in Gentilly. The resident of this one story single-family dwelling called 911 at 10:14 pm to report a fire in her home. Firefighters arrived on the scene at 10:19 pm to find a bedroom of the dwelling fully involved. Firefighters used an aggressive interior attack to bring this incident under control at 10:36 pm. The resident informed the NOFD District Chief on the scene that due to power outage she had been reading by candle light when her bedroom curtains caught fire. Six units carrying many of the same NOFD personnel from the earlier were also used to extinguish this one-alarm. The homeowner stated she would spend the night with neighbors. No injuries were reported on this incident.

2421 Marais St.

1st alarm: 18:30
On scene: 18:35
Under control: 18:55
Units: 6
Firefighters: 20
Injuries: None Reported
Cause: Under Investigation

4432 Music St

1st alarm: 22:14
On scene: 22:19
Under control: 22:36
Injuries: None Reported
Cause: Accidental, candles