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# NOFD responds to fire at Gae-Tana's clothing boutique on Maple Street

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New Orleans firefighters worked Friday afternoon (May 19) to put out a fire at an Uptown clothing boutique on Maple Street.

Firefighters were called to the one-alarm fire at 7732 Maple Street, the department said. Smoke was seen from the street coming out the front doors of Gae-Tana's, a boutique that has been at that location for more than 30 years.

Alexander Sakla, whose family own nearby Babylon Cafe, said the fire started shortly after 1:30 p.m. in boxes near garbage cans in the alley between Gae-Tana's and Chill Out Cafe. Sakla said the fire went up the boutique's wall, into the attic. Sakla said he and others initially tried to douse it with garden hoses.

By 2:30 p.m. smoke appeared to have dissipated, but firefighters were still working on the building's roof.

*Staff writer Emily Lane contributed to this report.*

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