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Rita's winds trouble local Volunteers in battling a House fire! *Reprinted with permission of* <u>TheBravestOnline.com</u>



Hurricane Rita missed the Houston area, but firefighters still felt the elements! Firefighters from the Spring Volunteer Fire department responded to reports of a house on fire during nearly 40mph sustained winds. All stations were manned and responded immediately. The assistant chief arrived on scene and reported fire through the roof. The subdivision had several hydrants in the immediate area, but the pump stations were without power leaving the firefighters with dry hydrants.

The intense winds on the fire load did not help the firefighters control the blaze! Command requested three tankers to respond as units began to turbo draft from a nearby pool. Their quick thinking and tactics saved the nearby exposures!

The pictures below are from the fire. They were submitted by Lt. Mac McDonnell. Thanks for the photos Mac!



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