Cabildo ravaged by flames

Late call puzzles fire chief

By VIRGIL FINCH

Any major fire in the French Quarter poses problems for New Orleans firemen that most firemen in other places don’t face.

The French Quarter buildings are close together, it is hard to get the bulky fire engine through the narrow rows of homes.

But the main problem is that most of the buildings are made of wood and many have no water mains.

This morning’s fire in the historic Cabildo was due to the lack of water mains in the area.

Despite the lack of water, the firemen were able to extinguish the flames before the building was destroyed.

Top floor, roof burn; torch spark blamed

By ALEX MARTIN

The fire apparently started on the top floor of the Cabildo yesterday, but the cause has yet to be determined.

The fire was reported around 2 p.m. and quickly spread to the roof of the building.

The building is a historic landmark and is a major tourist attraction.

Repairing a treasure is a long, costly road

By ALEX MARTIN

The damage to the Cabildo is extensive and will take a long time to repair.

More than 100 firefighters fought the flames and the building is closed indefinitely.

The cost of repairs will be in the millions of dollars.

The city of New Orleans has already allocated funds for the repairs.

Fair skies

The weather is expected to remain clear for the next few days.

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