

August 1, 2011. Fire on Rue du Temple.

After the street lights went off this morning (about 6 a.m. when it dawns) the noise of a large truck engine wakened us. Ernie looked out the front window and reported that it was a fire truck on Rue du Temple (about 500 feet from our apartment.) We closed the windows and went back to sleep for a few more hours.

When Ernie left for the Post Office to mail a letter, he came running back and urged me to come out around the corner from our apartment to Rue du Temple.



One of the wholesale shops around the corner from us was totally ruined by fire. Notice the man in the background pushing a dolly. This is a typical activity we watch every day on our street. The wholesale merchants move a lot of product.



There was a team of investigators from the “Labo Central Enquete” gathering samples in pails and spraying something onto the debris.



These were not the same sapeurs-pompiers (fire fighters) from the 4th arrondissement (whom we saw on July 14 at the big dance at their firehouse), but were from the 3rd. There was one woman fire fighter in the group standing watching the investigators gather evidence. (on right side in the middle)