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RESIDENTIAL FIRE
1335 Laudeen Drive



MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis **Fire** Department responded to a house fire at 1335 Laudeen Drive, Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 3:59 a.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported heavy fire visible from the one-story wood-frame residential structure. Fourteen (14) pieces of **Fire/Rescue/EMS** equipment and approximately thirty (30) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief E. Rone was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 4:19 a.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries. Red Cross provided assistance for two (2) adults.

It has been determined that the residence **did not have** a working smoke alarm. The structure and four (4) vehicles sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$70,000.00 vehicles, \$40,000.00 structure and \$10,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be intentionally set in the interior of the vehicle in the carport. This is an active investigation. *Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 528-CASH (2274) or the State Arson Hotline at 1-800-762-3017. You could be eligible to receive a cash reward from Crime Stoppers of Memphis and Shelby County, Inc.*

The Memphis **Fire** Department urges all citizens to maintain a working smoke alarm in their *place* of residence. Check smoke alarms once a month and change the battery when you change your clocks. City of Memphis residents may apply for a **free smoke alarm** by calling the Fire Museum of Memphis at (901) 636-5650 or apply on-line at: <https://www.memphistn.gov/government/fire-department/free-smoke-alarm-application/>. Always have a plan of escape in case there is a fire. Also remember that 9-1-1 is for emergencies only. For all other **FIRE/EMS NON-EMERGENCY** issues please dial (901) 458-8281.

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