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## RESIDENTIAL FIRE 615 E. McKellar Avenue

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis **Fire** Department responded to a house fire at 615 E. McKellar Avenue, Monday, November 30, 2020 at 10:46 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported heavy smoke visible from the one-story wood-frame residential structure. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Fourteen (14) pieces of **Fire/Rescue/EMS** equipment and approximately thirty (30) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Division Chief D. Atkins was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at approximately 11:44 p.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries. Red Cross provided assistance for one (1) adult and five (5) children.



It has been determined that the residence **did not have** a working smoke alarm. The structure sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$20,000.00 structure and \$8,500.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be an electrical malfunction at the breaker box in the bedroom.

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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