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RESIDENTIAL FIRE

984 University Street

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis **Fire** Department responded to a house fire at 984 University Street, Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at 11:24 a.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported smoke visible from the two-story wood frame residential duplex. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Twelve (12) pieces of **Fire**/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty-seven (37) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Acting Battalion Chief D. Lowrance was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 11:34 a.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.

It has been determined that the residence **did have** a working smoke alarm. One (1) unit sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$5,000.00 structure and \$2,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be a toaster oven that malfunctioned in the kitchen. Red Cross assistance was not requested.

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 contacting the Fire Museum of Memphis at (901) 636-5650 or apply on-line: <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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