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## RESIDENTIAL FIRE

1273 S. Wellington Street

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to a house fire at 1273 S. Wellington Street, Friday, February 5, 2021 at 9:42 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported smoke visible from the two-story wood-frame residential rooming house. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Fourteen (14) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty-four (34) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Division Chief P. Dix was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 9:59 p.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries. Red Cross provided assistance for one adult.

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 \$10,000.00 structure and \$1,500.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be a space heater positioned too close to combustible materials 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** on-line at: <https://www.memphistn.gov/government/fire-department/free-smoke-alarm-application/> or call the Fire Museum of Memphis at (901) 636-5650. 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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