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RESIDENTIAL FIRE

2324 Dexter Avenue

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to a house fire at 2324 Dexter Avenue, Friday, February 05, 2021 at 11:45 a.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported smoke visible from the one-story wood-frame residential structure. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Seventeen (17) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty-four (34) 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 12:05 p.m. *One firefighter was transported in stable condition to Regional One Hospital with smoke inhalation. One civilian was treated and released on the scene for a minor burn to her arm.* Red Cross provided assistance for three adults.



It has been determined that the residence **did have** a working smoke alarm. The structure sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$27,000.00 structure and \$5,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be electrical wiring that malfunctioned in the bedroom ceiling.

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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