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## RESIDENTIAL FIRE

### 2370 Forest Avenue

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to an alarm of fire at 2370 Forest Avenue, Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 6:11 a.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported fire visible from the one-story wood-frame residential duplex. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Fourteen (14) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty-five (35) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief M. Eskew was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 6:28 a.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries. Red Cross provided assistance for three adults and three 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 \$30,000.00 structure and \$10,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be a space heater that malfunctioned in the living room.

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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