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COMMERCIAL FIRE

3040 Democrat Road (*Shuler Distributing Company*)



MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis **Fire** Department responded to an alarm of fire at the old Shuler Distributing Company at 3040 Democrat Road, Saturday, February 20, 2021 at 2:32 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported heavy fire visible from the vacant one story commercial structure. Twenty-four (24) pieces of **Fire/Rescue/EMS** equipment and approximately fifty-five (55) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Fayette County and Madison County Water Tankers were also requested to respond to the scene for additional water supply. Division Chief T. Grant was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 3:45 p.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.

The vacant structure and a vehicle sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$5,000.00 vehicle, \$300,000.00 structure and no contents. The origin of the fire was determined to be the interior of the building. The cause is inconclusive. This fire is still under investigation. *Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 528-CASH (2274) or the State Arson Hotline at 1-800-762-3017. You could be eligible to receive a cash reward from Crime Stoppers of Memphis and Shelby County, Inc.*

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 contact 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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