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## RESIDENTIAL FIRE 3537 Walnut Grove Road

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to an alarm of fire at 3537 Walnut Grove Road, Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 11:01 a.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported smoke visible from the single-story portable greenhouse. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Thirteen (13) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty-three (33) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief A. Sireci was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 11:18 a.m. *An adult male was transported in critical condition to Regional One Burn Unit with 2<sup>nd</sup> degree burns to his face and hands.* There were no firefighter injuries.

The fire was confined to the green house, the primary home was not involved. Total damage is estimated at \$5,000.00 structure and \$5,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be accidental; the burn victim was attempting to repair a propane heating unit when it flashed/explored. 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 calling the Fire Museum of Memphis at (901) 636-5650 or apply on-line at: <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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