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RESIDENTIAL FIRE

4517 Applestone Street

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to an alarm of fire at 4517 Applestone Street, Sunday, February 14, 2021 at 5:55 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.

Thirteen (13) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty (30) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief K. Burns was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 6:14 a.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries. Red Cross assistance was not requested.

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 \$10,000.00 structure and \$5,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be careless use of smoking materials in bed.

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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