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RESIDENTIAL FIRE 5113 Cottonwood Road



MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis **Fire** Department responded to an alarm of fire at 5113 Cottonwood Road, Friday, February 12, 2021 at 6:45 a.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported smoke visible from the two-story wood frame residential structure. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Eleven (11) pieces of **Fire/Rescue/EMS** equipment and approximately twenty-seven (27) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief L. Lumpkin was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 6:54 a.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.

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 \$7,000 structure and \$1,000 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be a water heater that malfunctioned in the utility closet. Red Cross provided assistance for three (3) adults.

The Memphis **Fire** Department recommends that all citizens maintain a working smoke alarm in their place of residence. Check alarms monthly 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/cms/One.aspx?portalId=11150816&pageId=12053796> 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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