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RESIDENTIAL FIRE

5245 Lakeview Road

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis **Fire** Department responded to a vacant house fire at 5245 Lakeview Road, Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 6:23 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported fire 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-three (33) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief J. Patterson was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 6:53 p.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.

The vacant structure sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$15,000.00 structure and no contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be intentionally set in the interior of the home. 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** by contacting the Fire Museum of Memphis at (901) 636-5650 or apply on-line: <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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