



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 18, 2021



Gina Y. Sweat, Director of Fire Services  
CONTACT: Lt. Wayne A. Cooke  
Public Information Officer, MFD  
901-636-5682 O, 901-508-0614 C  
Wayne.Cooke@memphistn.gov

## RESIDENTIAL FIRE 879 E. Trigg Avenue



**MEMPHIS, TN** - The Memphis **Fire** Department responded to an alarm of fire at 879 E. Trigg Avenue, Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 6:56 a.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported heavy smoke visible from the two-story wood frame residential structure. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately. Fourteen (14) pieces of **Fire/Rescue/EMS** equipment and approximately thirty-three (33) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Division Chief P. Dix was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 7:22 a.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.

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 \$15,000.00 structure and \$5,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be accidental; a space heater left unattended ignited combustible materials in the bedroom. 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** 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.

###