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## RESIDENTIAL FIRE

141 N. Manassas Street #9-A (*The Helix Apartments*)

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to a **second alarm** fire at 141 N. Manassas Street, Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 1:16 a.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported smoke visible on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> floors of the multi-story residential high-rise. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately. Forty-seven (47) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately one hundred twenty-three (123) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief R. Stewart was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 1:42 a.m.



*During interior search procedures, an adult male was found unresponsive in room 9-A and was pronounced deceased on the scene. The name and age of the victim has not been released pending positive identification and notification of next of kin. The cause of death is pending the Shelby County Medical Examiner's report.* An adult female was transported in stable condition to Baptist East with smoke inhalation. There were no firefighter 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 \$25,000 building and \$5,000 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be accidental; electrical wiring malfunctioned in the wall of room 9-A. 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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