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COMMERCIAL FIRE

7301 Winchester Road (*Extra Space Storage*)



MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to a vehicle fire at 7301 Winchester Road, Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 9:41 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported fire visible from a private passenger vehicle adjacent to a commercial storage building. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately. Fourteen (14) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty-six (36) 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 10:28 p.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.

The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be electrical; the vehicle owner was operating a portable tire air compressor when it overheated and ignited a fire in the dashboard compartment. The fire ultimately spread to the adjacent storage unit and caused major damage to several units. Approximately, fifteen (15) units sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$75,000 building and \$30,000 contents.

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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