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RESIDENTIAL FIRE

896 Jackson Avenue

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to a vacant house fire at 896 Jackson Avenue, Saturday, March 27, 2021 at 11:24 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported heavy fire visible from the one-story, wood-frame residential structure. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Seven (17) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty-nine (39) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief J. Burns was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 11:58 p.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.

The vacant structure sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$54,000.00 structure and no contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be the result of lightning that struck the roof of the home. 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 on-line at: <https://www.memphistn.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=11150816&pageId=12053796>. Always have a plan of escape in case there is a fire. Also remember that 9-1-1 is for emergencies only. For **NON-EMERGENCY FIRE & EMS** issues dial (901) 458-8281.

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