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RESIDENTIAL FIRE

1247 Harbert Avenue #1



MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to an alarm of fire at 1247 Harbert Avenue, Monday, April 12, 2021 at 10:22 a.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported heavy smoke visible from the three-story wood frame residential triplex. Sixteen (16) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty-seven (37) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Acting Battalion Chief W. Rhodes was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 10:32 a.m. *Fire crews rescued an adult male from the 2nd floor balcony; he was transported in non-critical condition to Regional One Hospital with smoke inhalation.* There were no firefighter injuries. *The family dog and cat expired as a result of this incident.*

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 \$40,000.00 structure and \$15,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be food left unattended on the stove in the kitchen of apartment #1. 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.

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