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RESIDENTIAL FIRE

3509 Metropolitan Lane #1 (*River City Apartments*)

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to an alarm of fire at 3509 Metropolitan Lane, Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 6:46 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported fire visible from the two-story apartments. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Nineteen (19) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately forty-seven (47) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief L. Lumpkin was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 7:00 p.m. ***One adult male was transported to Regional One Health with abdominal injuries.*** There were no firefighter injuries.

It has been determined that the residence **did not have** a working smoke alarm. Two (2) units sustained smoke, fire and/or water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$30,000.00 structure and \$15,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be intentionally set in the bedroom. This fire is still under investigation. Red Cross provided assistance for two (2) families.

The Memphis Fire Department recommends that all citizens maintain a working smoke alarm in their place of residence. Check alarms monthly 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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