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## RESIDENTIAL FIRE 4642 Applegate Drive (*Body Found*)

**MEMPHIS, TN** - The Memphis **Fire** Department responded to a house fire at 4642 Applegate Drive, Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 3:32 a.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported heavy fire visible from the two-story wood-frame residential structure. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Twenty-three (23) pieces of **Fire/Rescue/EMS** equipment and approximately sixty (60) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief J. Patterson was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 3:55 a.m. *During interior search procedures, the body of an adult female was found in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor hallway. She was pronounced deceased on the scene.*



*The name and age of the victim has not been released pending positive identification. The cause of death is pending the Shelby County Medical Examiner's Report.* There were no firefighter injuries.

It has been determined that the residence **did not have** a working smoke alarm. Total damage is estimated at \$62,000.00 structure and \$50,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be faulty electrical wiring in the storage room. The adjacent home (4632 Applegate) sustained \$30,000.00 structural damage and \$1,500.00 vehicle damage. Red Cross provided assistance for four (4) adults.

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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