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RESIDENTIAL FIRE 5443 Apple Blossom Drive

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to a vacant house fire at 5443 Apple Blossom Drive, Monday, March 29, 2021 at 6:36 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.

Twenty (20) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately forty-six (46) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Acting Battalion Chief H. Lowrance was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 6:50 p.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.



The vacant structure sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$16,000.00 structure and no contents. The adjacent home (5453 Apple Blossom) sustained \$2,000.00 exterior damage and two vehicles at 5437 Apple Blossom sustained \$3,000.00 damage. The origin of the fire was determined to be the living room. The cause is still under investigation. *Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 528-CASH (2274) or the State Arson Hotline at 1-800-762-3017. You could be eligible to receive a cash reward from Crime Stoppers of Memphis and Shelby County, Inc.*

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 contact 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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