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RESIDENTIAL FIRE

1258 Race Street

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to a vacant house fire at 1258 Race Street, Friday, May 14, 2021 at 10:07 a.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported heavy fire visible from the one-story wood frame residential structure.

Thirteen (13) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately twenty-nine (29) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief S. Seward was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 10:21 a.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.

The vacant structure sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$20,000.00 structure and no contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be accidental as a result of careless use of a candle in the living room by a homeless individual. 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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