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RESIDENTIAL FIRE

1681 Pope Street

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to an alarm of fire at 1681 Pope Street, Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 4:59 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported smoke visible from the one-story wood-frame residential structure. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Twelve (12) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately twenty-eight (28) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief M. Till was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 5:09 p.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.

It has been determined that the residence **did not have** a working smoke alarm. The structure sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$7,500.00 structure and \$3,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be a space heater positioned too close to combustible materials in the bedroom. Red Cross provided assistance for three (3) 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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