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RESIDENTIAL FIRE 1749 Kendale Avenue

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to a house fire at 1749 Kendale Avenue, Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 1:41 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.

Fourteen (14) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty-four (34) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief M. Hubbard was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 2:01 p.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries. Red Cross provided assistance for two adults.



It has been determined that the residence **did have** a working smoke alarm. The structure sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$50,000.00 structure and \$10,000 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be accidental; a worker using a welding torch on handrails ultimately ignited the rear exterior of the home.

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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