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RESIDENTIAL FIRE

3697 Robin Park Circle #1 (*Robinhood Apartments*)

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to an alarm of fire at 3697 Robin Park Circle, Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 4:58 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported smoke visible from the two-story wood frame apartments.

Nine (9) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty-three (33) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief E. Howell was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 5:08 p.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.

It has been determined that the residence **did have** a working smoke alarm. Two (2) units sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$15,000.00 structure and \$1,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be accidental; sparks ignited combustible materials as workers were cutting a metal staircase in the rear of the apartments. 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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