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RESIDENTIAL FIRE

986 Peabody Avenue

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to an alarm of fire at 986 Peabody Avenue, Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 1:20 a.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported fire visible from the two-story apartments. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Ten (10) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty-four (34) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief C. Wilkins was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 1:33 a.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.

It has been determined that the residence did have a working smoke alarm. One unit sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$30,000.00 building and \$5,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be intentionally set in the stairwell area. This fire is remains under investigation. *Anyone with information regarding this incident and any arson related crimes are 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** by contacting the Fire Museum of Memphis at (901) 636-5650 or apply on-line: <https://www.memphistn.gov/government/fire-department/free-smoke-alarm-application/> 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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