



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 21, 2021



Gina Y. Sweat, Director of Fire Services
CONTACT: Lt. Wayne A. Cooke
Public Information Officer, MFD
901-636-5682 O, 901-508-0614 C
Wayne.Cooke@memphistn.gov

RESIDENTIAL FIRE

1514 S. McLean Blvd

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to a house fire at 1514 S. McLean Blvd, Friday, May 21, 2021 at 12:35 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported heavy fire visible from the one-story wood-frame residential structure. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Sixteen (16) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty-nine (39) 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 12:56 p.m. Red Cross provided assistance for six adults and eight children.



It has been determined that the residence **did have** a working smoke alarm. The home sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$53,000.00 structure and \$20,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be electrical wiring that malfunctioned near the wall receptacle in the laundry room.

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.

###