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RESIDENTIAL FIRE 3368 S. Perkins Road



MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to an emergency call at 3368 S. Perkins Road, Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 7:52 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported that a vehicle struck and severed a gas line and breached the exterior wall of a one-story wood frame residential structure. Twenty-one (21) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately fifty-two (52) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief M. McNeil was the commanding officer of this incident. The gas leak ultimately lead to an explosion and ignited the home and four private passenger vehicles. Fire crews isolated the immediate area and evacuated residents from approximately 10 homes. MPD blocked Perkins Road between Winchester Road and Scottsdale Avenue. MATA provided two buses for the displaced residents. MLGW responded to the scene and secured the gas line.

The home and four vehicles sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$30,000.00 vehicles, \$78,800.00 structure and \$39,400.00 contents. The adjacent home (4740 Chuck) sustained \$8,000.00 exterior damage. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries. Two adults and eight children escaped safely from the home and Red Cross provided assistance for them. The driver did not sustain any serious injuries. The scene was stabilized at 9:51 p.m.

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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