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## RESIDENTIAL FIRE

4478 Water Tree Drive (*The Villas @ Willow Creek*)

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to an alarm of fire at 4478 Water Tree Drive, Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 5:50 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported heavy fire visible from the two-story wood frame apartments. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Twenty-six (26) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately seventy-three (73) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Division Chief P. Posey the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 6:27 p.m. A female adult sustained a minor injury to her arm; she was treated and released on the scene. There were no firefighter injuries.



It has been determined that the residence **did have** a working smoke alarm. Eight units sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$750,000.00 building and \$100,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be intentionally set in the exterior breezeway closet. ***A male juvenile was arrested and charged with arson.*** Red Cross provided assistance for four (4) families.

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 calling the Fire Museum of Memphis at (901) 636-5650 or apply on-line at: <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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