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## RESIDENTIAL FIRE

**4649 Royal Ridge Drive #6 (Dove Creek Apartments)**

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to an alarm of fire at 4649 Royal Ridge Drive, Sunday, May 23, 2021 at 8:15 a.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported fire visible from the two-story apartments. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Fourteen (14) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty-six (36) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief S. Clark was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at approximately 8:27 a.m. *A female adult was transported in stable condition to Methodist North Hospital with smoke inhalation.* There were no firefighter injuries.

It has been determined that the residence **did have** a working smoke alarm. Six (6) units sustained smoke, fire and/or water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$17,000.00 structure and \$6,500.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be a refrigerator that malfunctioned in the kitchen. Red Cross provided assistance for five (5) 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** 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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