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RESIDENTIAL FIRE

5575 Santa Monica Street

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to a house fire at 5575 Santa Monica Street, Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 4:53 a.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported smoke visible from the one-story wood frame residential structure. Rescue and Firefighter operations began immediately.

Thirteen (13) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately twenty-nine (29) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Division Chief M. Tolliver was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 5:28 a.m.

The residence did have a working smoke alarm. The structure sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage estimates have not been determined at this time. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be electrical; a tree limb struck a power line and damaged the weather-head which ultimately ignited a fire in the attic area. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries. Red Cross assistance was not requested.

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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