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## RESIDENTIAL FIRE

**6948 Stone Ridge Drive #53 (*Germantown Falls Apartments*)**

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to an alarm of fire at 6948 Stone Ridge Drive, Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 8:28 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported smoke visible from the two-story wood frame apartments. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Sixteen (16) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately forty-two (42) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief A. Bradshaw the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 8:38 p.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.

It has been determined that the residence **did not have** a working smoke alarm. One unit sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$8,000.00 building and \$3,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be a microwave oven that malfunctioned in the kitchen. Red Cross provided assistance for two (2) adults and four (4) children.

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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