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RESIDENTIAL FIRE

1630 Oakwood Street

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to a house fire at 1630 Oakwood Street, Sunday, July 25, 2021 at 2:01 a.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported fire visible from the one-story wood frame residential structure. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Ten (10) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately twenty-four (24) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief D. Washington was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 2:16 a.m. *An adult male was transported in non-critical condition to Regional One Health with smoke inhalation.* There were no firefighter injuries. Red Cross assistance was not requested.

It has been determined that the residence **did have** a working smoke which alert the occupants and they escaped safely, prior to the arrival of fire crews. The home sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$5,000.00 structure and \$5,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be an A/C unit that malfunctioned in the bedroom window.

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