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RESIDENTIAL FIRE

164 Walnut Bend Cove

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to an alarm of fire at 164 Walnut Bend Cove, Monday, July 5, 2021 at 3:04 a.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported fire visible from the two-story wood residential structure. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Ten (10) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately twenty-six (26) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Acting Battalion Chief R. Webb was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 3:46 a.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.

It has been determined that the residence **did have** a working smoke alarm, which alerted the occupants and they escaped safely, prior to the arrival of the fire crews. The structure sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$50,000.00 structure and \$5,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be accidental; one of the occupants sweep and disposed of fireworks debris in a trash can near an exterior wall. Smoldering debris ignited and spread to the home. 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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