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## RESIDENTIAL FIRE

2835 Douglass Avenue

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to a vacant house fire at 2835 Douglass Avenue, Monday, July 12, 2021 at 7:15 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported fire visible from the one-story wood frame residential duplex. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Eighteen (18) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately forty-three (43) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Division Chief P. Posey was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 7:26 p.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries. Red Cross assistance was not requested.

The vacant structure sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$10,000.00 building and no contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be intentionally set in the bedroom. This fire is still under investigation. *Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 528-CASH (2274) or the State Arson Hotline at 1-800-762-3017. You could be eligible to receive a cash reward from Crime Stoppers of Memphis and Shelby County, Inc.*

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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