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## COMMERCIAL FIRE

**297 Rivergate Road (Canadian National Railroad)**

**MEMPHIS, TN** - The Memphis **Fire** Department responded to a train fire at 297 Rivergate Road, Tuesday, July 27, 2014 at 7:22 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported smoke visible from a single rail tank car. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Nine (9) pieces of **Fire/Rescue/EMS** equipment and approximately twenty-three (23) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief M. McNeil was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 8:25 p.m. and the incident was stabilized at 9:43 p.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.



One rail car containing a large quantity of gluten free grain sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at approximately \$3,000.00. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be accidental; the grain overheated and ultimately ignited in the interior of the tank.

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: <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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