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RESIDENTIAL FIRE

3458 W. Briarpark Drive #3 (*Bent Tree Apartments*)

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis **Fire** Department responded to an alarm of fire at 3458 W. Briarpark Drive, Sunday, June 27, 2021 at 5:59 a.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported smoke visible from the two-story wood frame apartments. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Fifteen (15) pieces of **Fire**/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty-eight (38) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief T. Gentry the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 6:13 a.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.

It has been determined that the residence **did not have** a working smoke alarm. The structure sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$15,000.00 building and \$5,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be electrical malfunction near the wall receptacle in the living room. Red Cross provided assistance for two adults.

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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