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## RESIDENTIAL FIRE

3718 Kerwin Drive

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to a house fire at 3718 Kerwin Drive, Sunday, June 27, 2021 at 6:03 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported smoke visible from the one-story wood frame residential structure. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Twelve (12) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately twenty-eight (28) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief K. Dillard the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 6:15 p.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 \$5,000.00 building and \$1,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be accidental as a result of fireworks that ignited combustibles near the exterior wall.

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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