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RESIDENTIAL FIRE

495 E. Essex Avenue

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to a house fire at 495 E. Essex Avenue, Friday, July 2, 2021 at 8:43 a.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported smoke visible from the one-story wood frame residential structure. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Eleven (11) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately twenty-seven (27) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Division Chief D. Atkins was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 8:51 a.m. ***A thirteen year old child was transported in non-critical condition to Le Bonheur Children's Hospital with smoke inhalation.*** There were no firefighter injuries.



It has been determined that the residence **did have** a working smoke alarm. The home sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$1,500.00 structure and \$10,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be an A/C unit that malfunctioned in the rear bedroom window. Red Cross provided assistance for one adult and one child.

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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