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RESIDENTIAL FIRE

821 Pope Street

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to a vacant house fire at 821 Pope Street, Thursday, July 1, 2021 at 12:53 a.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported fire visible from the one-story wood frame residential structure. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Fourteen (14) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty (30) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief M. Till the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 1:20 a.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.

The vacant structure sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$29,500.00 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 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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