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RESIDENTIAL FIRE 2162 Washington Avenue

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to a house fire at 2162 Washington Avenue, Monday, August 9, 2021 at 7:55 a.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported smoke visible from the two-story wood frame residential duplex. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Sixteen (16) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty-nine (39) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief D. Washington was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 8:15 a.m. A male adult was



transported in non-critical condition to Regional One Burn Unit with 2nd degree burns to his back and shoulder. There were no firefighter injuries.

It has been determined that the residence **did have** a working smoke alarm. The structure sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$50,000.00 structure and \$30,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be a dryer that malfunctioned in the kitchen. Red Cross assistance was not requested.

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 contacting the Fire Museum of Memphis at (901) 636-5650 or apply on-line: <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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