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## STRUCTURE FIRE

2439 Union Avenue (*Georgian Woods Apartments*)

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to an alarm of fire at 2439 Union Avenue, Monday, August 16, 2021 at 3:04 a.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported fire visible from the one-story wood frame laundry room. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Fifteen (15) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty-seven (37) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief M. Eskew the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 3:16 a.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.



It has been determined that the building **did have** a working smoke alarm. The structure sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$30,000.00 building and \$10,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be the result of an electrical malfunction at the weatherhead in the rear of the structure. 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 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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