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RESIDENTIAL FIRE

157 Montgomery Street

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to an alarm of fire at 157 Montgomery Street, Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 6:42 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported smoke visible from the two story wood-frame residential rooming house. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.



Fourteen (14) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty-one (31) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief J. Burns was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 6:57 p.m. ***An adult male was treated and released on the scene for smoke inhalation.*** 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 \$10,000 structure and \$3,000 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be accidental; a power strip and phone charger placed under a mattress overheated and ignited in the bedroom. Red Cross provided assistance for one adult.

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: <https://www.memphistn.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=11150816&pageId=12053796>. Always have a plan of escape in case there is a fire. Also remember that 9-1-1 is for emergencies only. For **NON-EMERGENCY FIRE & EMS** issues dial (901) 458-8281.

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