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## RESIDENTIAL FIRE

247 Melita Road

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to an alarm of fire at 247 Melita Road, Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 7:16 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.

Sixteen (16) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty-two (32) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Division Chief T. Grant was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 7:31 a.m. There were no firefighter or civilian 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 \$30,000 structure and \$20,000 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be a ventilation fan that malfunctioned in the attic. 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: <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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