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## RESIDENTIAL FIRE 2909 Treemont Cove #2 (*Ridgecrest Apartments*)

**MEMPHIS, TN** - The Memphis **Fire** Department responded to an alarm of fire at 2909 Treemont Cove, Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 8:51 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported fire visible from the two-story apartments. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Nineteen (19) pieces of **Fire/Rescue/EMS** equipment and approximately forty-eight (48) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief S. Clark was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 9:03 p.m. *A 63-year-old male was rescued by two local security guards and EMS crews transported him in critical condition to Regional One Burn Unit with smoke inhalation and 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns to his face, arms and upper body.*



There were no firefighter injuries. Red Cross provided assistance for one adult and four children.

It has been determined that the residence **did not have** a working smoke alarm. Two units sustained smoke, fire and/or water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$14,000.00 structure and \$1,000.00 contents. The origin of the fire was the rear bedroom. The cause 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** on-line at: <https://www.memphistn.gov/government/fire-department/free-smoke-alarm-application/> or call the Fire Museum of Memphis at (901) 636-5650. 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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