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RESIDENTIAL FIRE

4246 Eastwind Drive #7 (*Peppertree Apartments*)



MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to an alarm of fire at 4246 Eastwind Drive, Monday, September 20, 2021 at 10:09 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported heavy fire visible from the two-story wood frame apartments. Thirty-five (35) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately one hundred three (103) emergency response personnel responded to the call. Division Chief P. Dix was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 10:42 p.m. *One civilian jumped from the second floor to escape the fire and ultimately sustained severe injuries to her right leg. She was transported in stable condition to Regional One Hospital.* There were no firefighter injuries. Red Cross provided assistance for eleven families.

The residence **did have** a working smoke alarm. Two buildings (4246 & 4252 Eastwind) and a total of ten apartments sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$250,000.00 structure and \$250,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be intentionally set on the patio of apartment #7. This fire 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** 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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