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RESIDENTIAL FIRE

6599 Meadow Bend Drive

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to a house fire at 6599 Meadow Bend Drive, Monday, August 16, 2021 at 10:34 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported smoke visible from the one-story wood frame residential structure. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Twelve (12) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty-two (32) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief S. Dew was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 11:50 p.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 \$25,000.00 structure and \$10,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be cooking oil left unattended on the stove in the kitchen. Red Cross provided assistance for two adults.

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 contacting the Fire Museum of Memphis at (901) 636-5650 or apply on-line: <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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