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RESIDENTIAL FIRE

2253 Longstreet Drive

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to an alarm of fire at 2253 Longstreet Drive, Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 7:10 a.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported heavy smoke visible from the one-story wood frame residential duplex. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Fifteen (15) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty-seven (37) 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 7:21 a.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.

It has been determined that the residence **did not have** a working smoke alarm. Both units sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$80,000.00 structure and \$20,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be faulty electrical wiring in the attic. 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 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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