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RESIDENTIAL FIRE

2609 Supreme Avenue

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to an alarm of fire at 2609 Supreme Avenue, Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 3:17 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported fire visible from the one-story wood frame residential structure. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Fourteen (14) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty (30) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief D. Washington was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 3:39 p.m. *One firefighter was transported in stable condition to Regional One Health with a minor burn to his left wrist. He was treated and later released.* There were no civilian injuries. *Fire crews rescued and resuscitated the family dog.*

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 \$40,000.00 structure and \$20,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be faulty electrical wiring in the bedroom wall. Red Cross provided assistance for three 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 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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