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RESIDENTIAL FIRE

3431 Vernon Avenue

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to an alarm of fire at 3431 Vernon Avenue, Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 5:39 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.

Ten (10) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately twenty-six (26) 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 5:47 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 \$3,000.00 structure and \$1,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be the result of careless disposal of smoking materials in the bedroom. Red Cross provided assistance for two adults and one child.

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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