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## RESIDENTIAL FIRE

3766 Shirlwood Avenue

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis **Fire** Department responded to an alarm of fire at 3766 Shirlwood Avenue, Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 12:27 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.

Eleven (11) pieces of **Fire/Rescue/EMS** equipment and approximately twenty-seven (27) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief J. Patterson was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 12:40 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 \$10,000.00 structure and \$2,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be accidental; an electrical surge occurred when a worker attempted to disconnect the exterior utilities and it ultimately ignited a fire near a gas line in the kitchen. Red Cross assistance was not requested.

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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