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RESIDENTIAL FIRE

3801 Tessland Road

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to an alarm of fire at 3801 Tessland Road, Monday, October 18, 2021 at 9:48 a.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported smoke visible from the one-story wood frame residential structure. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Thirteen (13) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty-two (32) emergency response personnel responded to the call. Battalion Chief S. McManus was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 10:03 a.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.

It has not been determined if the residence had a working smoke alarm. The structure sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$15,000.00 structure and \$1,200.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be an electrical malfunction in the breaker box in the bedroom closet. Red Cross provided assistance for two adults and two children.

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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