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COMMERCIAL FIRE

633 East Street (*DTS Towing*)



MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to a second alarm fire at 633 East Street, Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 3:04 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported heavy fire visible from the rear of the large commercial tow yard. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Thirty-seven (37) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately ninety-six (96) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Division Chief P. Dix was the commanding officer of this incident. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be accidental; an electric car ignited with fuel (*approximately 3,000 gallons*) while being crushed in a vehicle crushing machine. The machine and several vehicles sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$100,000.00. There are no firefighter or civilian injuries.

The Memphis Fire Department urges all citizens to maintain a working smoke alarm in their place of residence. 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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