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RESIDENTIAL FIRE

6330 Kirby Downs Drive

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to an alarm of fire at 6330 Kirby Downs Drive, Friday, October 22, 2021 at 9:01 a.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported smoke visible from the two-story wood frame residential duplex. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Twelve (12) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately twenty-nine (29) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief S. Dew was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 9:17 a.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.

It has been determined that the residence **did not have** a working smoke alarm. Both units sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$50,000.00 structure and \$25,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be food left unattended on the stove in the kitchen. Red Cross provided assistance for two families.

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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