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COMMERCIAL FIRE

1023 Dr. Martin L. King Jr. Avenue



MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to an alarm of fire at 1023 Dr. Martin L. King Jr. Avenue, Monday, November 15, 2021 at 2:15 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported smoke visible from the one story commercial structure. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately. Nineteen (19) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately forty-four (44) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief D. Harris was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 2:45 p.m.

The vacant commercial structure sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$10,000.00 structure and \$500.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be accidental; sparks ignited while workers were cutting pipes in the ceiling. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries. .

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 completing an application on-line at: <https://www.memphistn.gov/government/fire-department/free-smoke-alarm-application/> or contact 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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