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COMMERCIAL FIRE

1217 S. Bellevue Blvd (*Jack Pirtle's Chicken*)

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to an alarm of fire at 1217 S. Bellevue Blvd, Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 7:27 am. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported smoke visible from the one-story commercial restaurant. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Fifteen (15) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty-seven (37) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief S. Seward was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 7:40 a.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.



It has been determined that the commercial building **did not have** a sprinkler system. The structure sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$20,000.00 structure and \$40,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be an electrical malfunction in the breaker box in the interior of the restaurant.

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 contacting the Fire Museum of Memphis at (901) 636-5650 or apply on-line: <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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