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RESIDENTIAL FIRE

447 Dreger Avenue

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to a house fire at 447 Dreger Avenue, Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 7:23 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported smoke visible from the one-story wood-frame residential structure. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Twelve (12) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty-two (32) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief T. Gentry was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 7:36 p.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.

It has been determined that the residence **did have** a working smoke alarm. The structure sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$15,000.00 structure and \$5,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be a space heater positioned too close to the bed in the bedroom. Red Cross provided assistance for three adults and one child.

The Memphis Fire Department recommends that all citizens maintain a working smoke alarm in their place of residence. Check alarms monthly 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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