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RESIDENTIAL FIRE

6526 Blues Blvd #71 (Ellington Apartments)

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis **Fire** Department responded to an alarm of fire at 6526 Blues Blvd, Saturday, November 6, 2021 at 9:49 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported fire visible from the two-story wood-frame apartments. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Twelve (12) pieces of **Fire**/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty-four (34) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Acting Battalion Chief W. Rhodes was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 10:02 p.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries. *The family dog and puppies expired as a result of this incident.*

It has been determined that the residence **did have** a working smoke alarm. One unit sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$10,000.00 structure and \$5,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be a candle/wax warmer that malfunctioned on the kitchen stove. Red Cross assistance was not requested.

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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