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**RESIDENTIAL FIRE**  
**850 Roland Street (*Body Found*)**

**MEMPHIS, TN** - The Memphis **Fire** Department responded to a house fire at 850 Roland Street, Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported fire visible from the two-story wood-frame residential structure. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Nineteen (19) pieces of **Fire/Rescue/EMS** equipment and approximately forty-two (42) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Division Chief P. Dix was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 6:53 p.m. *During interior search procedures, the body of an adult male was found in the front bedroom. He was pronounced deceased on the scene. The name and age of the victim has not been released pending positive identification. The cause of death is pending the Shelby County Medical Examiner's Report.* There were no firefighter injuries. Red Cross assistance was not requested.

It has been determined that the residence **did not have** a working smoke alarm. Total damage is estimated at \$17,000.00 structure and \$2,500.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire is still under investigation. *Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 528-CASH (2274) or the State Arson Hotline at 1-800-762-3017. You could be eligible to receive a cash reward from Crime Stoppers of Memphis and Shelby County, Inc.*

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** 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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