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INDUSTRIAL FIRE 1231 Pope Street

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to a Building explosion at 1231 Pope Street, Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 3:38 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported heavy smoke and fire visible from a multi-story industrial structure. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Seventy-eight (78) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately two hundred ten (210) emergency response personnel responded to the call. Division Chief P. Dix was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 5:24 p.m. There were no firefighter injuries. *Upon arrival fire crews located a male employee suffering from burns to hands and face the victim was transported to Regional One in critical condition. The employee has since been downgraded to stable. Fire Crews treated and released three (3) employees on the scene with non-life-threatening injuries.*

It is undetermined if the building had a working smoke alarm. The structure sustained smoke, fire, and water damage. Total damage is currently undetermined. The origin and cause of the fire remains under investigation.

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 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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