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CHURCH FIRE

114 Henry Avenue (*Redemption Church*)



MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to an alarm of fire at 114 Henry Avenue, Tuesday, March 09, 2021 at 12:45 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported smoke visible from the one-story church. Twenty-seven (27) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately sixty-two (62) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Fire Arms (ATF) also responded to the scene. Division Chief D. Atkins was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 1:27 p.m. *One firefighter was transported in stable condition to Regional One Health for injuries sustained to her knee.* There were no civilian injuries.

The building **did not have** a sprinkler system. The structure sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$50,000.00 building and \$25,000.00 contents. The origin of the fire was determined to be the rear exterior of the building. The cause 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 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 completing an application on-line: <https://www.memphistn.gov/government/fire-department/free-smoke-alarm-application/> or by contacting 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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