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An overnight residential home fire early this morning resulted in the loss of at least one home in the 4700 block of Waterfront Oaks, an area of un-incorporated Shelby County just outside of the northern city limits of Memphis. At 2:25AM, SCFD Dispatchers initiated a "full assignment" for a home fire which was reported by at least nine callers into the 9-1-1 system. Shelby County Fire Department Engine 60 was the first on the scene at 2:32AM and reporting to additional arriving engine companies that one home was 100% involved and an adjacent home was also burning.

A simultaneous search and fire attack on the first home was underway when additional arriving fire fighters began preparing to fight the increasing fire in the neighboring home. On that fire attack, two SCFD firefighters were making their way into the front door when they encountered a "flash – over" which blew them back out onto the porch and the front yard of the home. It was initially thought that they were injured but due to their training and protective gear, they were not. They were checked out on the scene by medical personnel and returned to their fire fighting duties.

The residents in the exposed (or second) home were able to get out unharmed and the residents of the home where the fire began were not at home at the time of the blaze. The only casualty of this fire was a family pet dog which died on the scene likely due to smoke inhalation. In all, this fire required the strength of no less than 24 firefighters on five fire engines from three fire departments (Shelby County, Memphis and Millington)

As of yet, there are no details as to the origin or the cause of the fire and an Investigator is still on the scene securing details that may provide those answers. The Investigator will also determine if the homes had working smoke detectors.

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