

**Shelby County Fire Department
Headquarters
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Memphis, TN 38134**



******* EVENT NOTIFICATION *******

Date: February 14, 2014

At just after 6 O'clock in the morning, multiple calls were received by Shelby County Fire Dispatchers for various emergencies throughout Shelby County to include a possible institutional fire, a grass fire that turned out to be a structure fire as well as two emergency medical calls. Engine 61 was dispatched to a report of smoke at Briarcrest High School and at the same time in that district, there was a report of a grass fire in the area of Macon Road and Billy Bryant Road, which is almost to the Fayette County line. The caller reporting this grass fire could not give full details because vision was obscured by dense woods, but it was actually a home that was "well involved" and burning furiously at that time.

The Dispatch Supervisor was able to quickly initiate responses from nearby fire stations and departments. Upon arrival, a Shelby County brush truck and Engine Company confirmed the structure fire, that the roof had fallen in and that the flames had consumed most of the 1,800 square foot home. At the peak of the fire fighting operation, more than twenty fire fighters from three departments (Shelby County, Arlington and Fayette County) were needed to bring the fire under control and keep it from spreading. Through a reciprocal mutual aid agreement and training with Fayette County Fire, Shelby County Firefighters were able to rapidly initiate additional assets from Fayette County. They arrived with a massive 2,000 gallon tanker which allowed a successful water shuttle, dump tank and drafting operation to be utilized. This kept the fire from moving to nearby property and structures.

The home was vacant at the time of the blaze and no fire fighters or citizens were injured on this fire ground. The fire load within the home was very large and as a result the home was destroyed. The cause of the fire was investigated by the Fire Marshall's Office and as of this time remains undetermined.

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