

Shelby County Fire Department
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******* EVENT NOTIFICATION *******

Incident Date: March 11, 2014

At 1:59 PM Tuesday afternoon, motorists and bystanders near Holmes and S. Germantown Roads began calling 9-1-1 to report a home on fire in the fifty-two hundred block of Silver Stone in southeast Shelby County. At 2:01 a “full assignment” for a residential home fire from the dispatchers of the Shelby County Fire Department was broadcast to engine companies from Shelby County, Germantown and Memphis Fire Departments.

In all, four engine companies and a truck company along with various Chiefs and EMS personnel (about two dozen firefighters) responded to the fire which was originally reported to have burned through the roof. Upon arrival at 6 minutes after 2PM, the first fire fighters reported heavy smoke coming from the back of the home and fire showing through a second floor front bedroom window.

While a water supply from a nearby hydrant was established, pre-connected attack hoses were pulled from Shelby County Fire - Engine 63. Fire fighters had to force entry through the front door of the burning home in order to begin a search for possible victims and a simultaneous attack on the seat of the fire. Through the very vigorous coordinated efforts of the suppression personnel on the scene, the fire was brought under control and then knocked down in short order saving the home from major damage.

The fire was concentrated in a bedroom on the second floor but did not breach the roof of the structure. Damage to the 3,500 square foot home is moderate and repairs will be made. No one was hurt battling this fire and there were no injuries to citizens. The cause remains under investigation and is focusing on the bedroom as a possible location of the source.

Operable smoke detectors were found inside the house which alerted the single occupant at home at the time of the fire. It is critical to remind everyone that the proper installation and use of a functional smoke detector will increase your chances of escaping a home fire by more than fifty percent. If you need your detectors checked or have questions about how to obtain one if necessary, then please contact your local fire department. And remember; pull to the right for sirens and lights!

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