

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



Fire Fighters Bring Kitchen Fire Under Control

Incident Date: March 19, 2014

In the southeastern area of unincorporated Shelby County this morning, a homeowner called 9-1-1 to report that her kitchen was on fire. The Shelby County Fire Department Fire Alarm Office dispatched multiple engine companies from Shelby County and Memphis Fire Departments to the fifty-four hundred block of Bristol Meadow where the first arriving fire fighters reported smoke showing from the back of the house.



As fire fighters made their way into the home, additional help continued to arrive and a tactical knock down of the fire began while a consequent search for anyone within the home who might be disabled or trapped began. The search for people was negative but the seat of the fire was found and fire fighters were able to quickly bring the flames under control and then completely stop the fire. From the time of dispatch to the call “*Fire Knocked Down*”, only sixteen minutes had elapsed.

While the exact nature of the cause of the fire is still being determined, it is likely that the fire began while the homeowner was cooking on the stove in the kitchen. While there is smoke and water damage in addition to the disturbance caused by the fire, damage to the home is considered to be minor. No one was injured during this event.

Once again, this fire department credits some of the successful outcome of this emergency to a fast call into the 9-1-1 system. “At the very first indication of an out of control situation, the homeowner called 9-1-1 and effective help was rapidly on the way” said Battalion Chief Jackson of the Shelby County Fire Department. Public Information Officer Brent Perkins also said, “Another reason that we were able to get a fast knock down was due to the amount of on-going work and training and the overall meshing of these regional fire departments. The result is that when we arrive on a scene as multiple fire agencies – we can act in concert as one.”

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