

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



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Date: August 24th, 2012  
Address: 4819 Summit Ridge  
Time: 4:34PM

Thursday afternoon the Shelby County Fire Department dispatched fire companies to reports of a grass fire near the Raleigh area of un-incorporated Shelby County. As fire fighters were approaching the scene, the commanders upgraded the dispatch to a residential structure fire and a "full assignment" was initiated. Multiple fire engines were dispatched from both Shelby County Fire and Millington Fire Departments.

Engine company commanders reported that what began as a fire in the backyard grass of the vacant home encroached upon the structures back wall and set the home ablaze. A simultaneous attack began on the fire at both the back yard and the home as additional engines continued to arrive. The sixteen fire fighters on the scene were able to knock the fire down in less than twenty five minutes and kept the increasing flames from exposing the homes on either side.

One fire fighter was taken to the hospital with very minor burns to an ear. The cause of the grass fire is under investigation. ***The Shelby County Fire Department reminds all citizens that the ban for open burning remains in effect and that conditions for grass and brush fires to rapidly spread are higher than ever.***

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