



Get Alarmed, Tennessee! Smoke Alarm Program Saves

10-year battery alarms purchased in part with FEMA FP&S Grant Funds

- **Afton, TN (January 24, 2013)**

Occupants: at least 2

Smoke alarm alerts to a fire on the exterior chimney of a wood burning stove being used for heat. Occupants investigate outside and find chimney and roof burning. Fire department is called and fire is extinguished. The Newmansville Fire Department installed 2 smoke alarms in the home on 1/5/2013.

- **Cleveland, TN (January 26, 2013)**

Occupants: 1

Bradley Co. Fire & Rescue installed 2 smoke alarms at the address on 12/21/2012. Cleveland Fire Department responded to a fire at this residence a month later. The structure was an older mobile home that had been altered by an addition (wood frame). The fire originated in the ceiling in a small dining area that shared the same space with the entrance on one side and a kitchen on the other side. 50% of the structure received damage from direct flame contact and 100% received significant smoke and water damage. The home was not repairable. The occupant was asleep in an adjoining room (the wood frame addition) in a reclining chair. The smoke alarms alerted him to the presence of smoke and shortly after exiting the structure the fire broke through the ceiling near where he exited (front door). The cause of the fire appears to be some type of electrical failure with the wiring near a ceiling light in that room.

- **Belvidere, TN (March 2013)**

Occupants: 1

Alarm installed by Keith Springs Vol. Fire Department. Several weeks after installation, the elderly resident fell asleep while food was cooking on the stove. She was alerted by the smoke alarm.

- **Columbia, TN (April 19, 2013)**

Occupants: 1

The Columbia Fire Department responded to a reported smoke alarm going off at a residence. Dispatch advised the occupant was blind and could have problems getting out of the house. The occupant was on the front porch upon fire department arrival. He didn't know why his smoke alarms were going off. Crew investigated to find the home full of smoke. Crew removed a cooking pot with a box and bag of burned crackers in it from the stove, carried it outside and ventilated the structure. The occupant said that he had not been cooking and did not know how it had happened. A few weeks prior, the Columbia Fire Department had installed the smoke alarms via the smoke alarm program launched by the State Fire Marshal's Office.

- **Memphis, TN (May 28, 2013)**

Occupants: 19

The Memphis Fire Department installed smoke alarms in this multi-family home on 2/22/2013. The installation report indicates that the home is heated by space and wall heaters. A fire took place at the residence on 5/28/13. The following is the Battalion Chief's account of the incident:

Today (5/28/13) at 1322 hrs, we received a report of a dwelling fire located at 1163 James. Myself, B-3 was first to arrive on the scene. I reported "smoke showing" in the Bravo Division on the second floor and established James command. Responding companies, Engines 14, 8, 29, and 16, along with Trucks 5, and 19 Rescue -2, EU-12, 202, Battalions 3 and 6, and 1st Division arrived @ 1326. I notified the Officer on E-14 on the talk group of the situation, and Lt Gilbert, E-14-B, (on OT this C shift day), sized up the situation and chose to make an interior attack using a 1.75 pre-connect off E-14. The fire was knocked down in timely manner and Primary and Secondary searches were all clear.

As the incident became under control and we were in the process of downsizing, I began speaking with the occupants of this rooming house to determine the cause and origin of the fire. I was speaking with one of the 19 occupants of this dwelling that included 5 young children. She told me that she was unsure of how the fire started. Upon speaking with her further I asked how all of you got out of the building. She explained to me how the smoke detectors that we fireman had just hung went off and all 19 people heard them and EVERYONE got out before the fire got going too big. She then stated to me "had it not been for those smoke detectors going off, I don't know what would have happened. None of us may have gotten out alive." After speaking with Lieutenant Gilbert, he told me that his company, E-14-B had hung 10 year smoke detectors in that very house a couple of months ago during our smoke detectors blitz.

Seldom do we get a chance to see firsthand how "just doing our job" turns out. In this particular case we were able to absolutely prevent a tragedy from occurring by being pro-active and diligent in our quest to hang smoke detectors and save lives.

- **Memphis, TN (June 6, 2013)**

Occupants: At least 2

The Memphis Fire Department responded to a fire in a single family dwelling with a wood framed vehicle parking garage. The occupants were able to self-evacuate the home. A male resident stated the fire started from an automobile that was under repair. Fire companies contained the spread of the fire to the attached garage and the adjoining areas inside the structure. The TFIRS report indicated that a smoke alarm was installed and it alerted occupants. The Memphis Fire Department installed that smoke alarm in the home on 2/23/2013.

- **Savannah, TN (June 30, 2013)**

Occupants: At least 1

Hardin County Fire Department crews arrived on the scene to a reported fire and discovered the home owner had the fire out. The TFIRS report indicated that a smoke alarm was present in the home and that it alerted occupants. The Hardin County Fire Department installed that smoke alarm in the home on 2/28/2013.

- **Cookeville, TN (July 11, 2013)**

Occupants: 1

Smoke alarm alerted occupant to a fire on the stove top caused by unattended cooking. Occupant was able to extinguish the fire, but fire department checked for extension with thermal imaging and ventilated the smoke. The Putnam County Fire Department installed smoke alarms in this home 4 months prior to the fire on 4/17/2013.

- **Pigeon Forge, TN (July 31, 2013)**

Occupants: 2

Pigeon Forge Fire Department was called to a residence for a grease fire. Crews arrived on scene and found all occupants out of the house, no visible fire but light smoke inside the residence. Owner explained she was trying to fry some chicken for supper and then the oil she was using caught fire. She said while she was on the phone, the dispatcher advised her how to extinguish the fire. The TFIRS report indicated that smoke alarms were present and alerted occupants. The Pigeon Forge Fire Department installed alarms in this home on 11/02/2012.

- **Bruceton, TN (November 26, 2013)**

Occupants: 9

Electrical fire at 1:30 a.m. caused smoke alarms to alert in a manufactured home with 9 people sleeping inside. All 9 people were able to escape the burning home without injury. The Hollow Rock Vol. Fire Department installed smoke alarms in this home just weeks earlier.

- **Elizabethton, TN (November 29, 2013)**

Occupants: 1

Occupant had been smoking and fell asleep on the couch in the living room. The fire originated in that area and began spreading through the rest of the room. The smoke alarm alerted the occupant who exited the home. The fire department arrived and stopped the spread of the fire, but the living room sustained significant fire damage. The Elizabethton Fire Department installed smoke alarms in this home on 12/07/2012.

- **Ashland City, TN (December 24, 2013)**

Occupants: 1

Smoke alarms alerted to a fire in a manufactured home shortly before 2 a.m. The resident inside was able to escape with help from her grandson who lived next door. The Ashland City Fire Department installed alarms at this residence on 10/29/2013.

- **Dowelltown, TN (February 3, 2014)**

Occupants: 1

Smoke alarms alerted to a grease fire caused by unattended cooking. The occupant was able to evacuate without injury. The DeKalb County Fire Department installed smoke alarms at this residence on 8/13/2013. The following is an account of the incident from the DeKalb County Fire Chief:

We were called to West Main Street in Dowelltown this morning to a structure fire. When we got there and upon speaking with the occupant, she advised us that she had been in the kitchen cooking some breakfast and apparently had left the stove eye on and it had caught fire in her kitchen. She safely evacuated out of the house. At the time of her discovering the fire, she was in another room when the smoke alarms activated in the home and alerted her. When she opened the door into the kitchen, she noticed that the back wall was on fire behind the stove and the curtains were on fire. She evacuated the house and called 911.

- **Jackson, TN (February 12, 2014)**

Occupants: 2

Fire incident in home with 2 occupants, one elderly. Smoke alarm alerts one of the residents who was showering while food was cooking in the kitchen. That resident is able to take the burning food outside and call fire department to have smoke cleared. The Jackson Fire Department installed 3 smoke alarms in this home on 8/22/2013.

- **Mount Pleasant, TN (February 20, 2014)**

Occupants: 1

A smoke alarm alerts to a kitchen fire at a multi-family dwelling around 9:00 p.m. The occupant escapes and notifies 911. A man with disabilities in a neighboring unit is evacuated with assistance from first responders. The Mount Pleasant Fire Department installed smoke alarms at this address on 7/24/2013.

- **Gates, TN (February 20, 2014)**

Occupants: 1

From the Lauderdale County Fire Chief:

Thought you would be happy to know one of your smoke alarms installed last week by the Gates Fire Department alerted a lady early this morning (3:05 a.m.) to a fire in her stove/oven. FD responded quickly. Only smoke damage and stove damage. Lady OK and thankful for the smoke alarm.

- **Columbia, TN (March 30, 2014)**

Occupants: 2

The Columbia Fire Department responded to a call of a stove fire. Occupants were outside when crews arrived. Occupants were alerted by the smoke alarm and subsequently evacuated the structure and initiated the emergency call. The Columbia Fire Department installed a smoke alarm at this address on 2/21/2014.

- **Johnson City, TN (April 27, 2014)**

Occupants: 1

Smoke alarm activates to a cigarette fire in the bedroom and alerts the occupant who was in another room in the home. The resident exits safely and contacts fire department to extinguish fire. An estimated dollar loss of \$3,000 was reported. Johnson City Fire Department installed a smoke alarm in this home on 2/25/2013.

- **Humboldt, TN (May 15, 2014)**

Occupants: 5

Smoke alarm activates to a home fire at 10:00 p.m. The 5 residents inside the home were able to escape and were outside upon fire department arrival. Humboldt Fire Department installed a smoke alarm in this home on 2/19/2014.

- **Martin, TN (May 20, 2014)**

Occupants: 2

Smoke alarms alert 2 people to an arson fire that has spread from a neighboring housing unit. Those 2 occupants are able to escape the burning structure. The Martin Fire Department installed smoke alarms in the home on 3/30/2014.

- **Memphis, TN (May 25, 2014)**

Occupants: 9

Smoke alarm alerts to an electrical fire inside a home housing 9 people. Occupants are able to escape the burning structure and call the fire department to extinguish. The fire caused \$20,000 worth of damage to the home. The Memphis Fire Department installed a smoke alarm in the home on 3/1/2014.

- **Eads, TN (November 11, 2014)**

Occupants: 2

Kitchen fire breaks out in a home housing two people; one outside and the other in another room. Smoke alarm activates alerting occupants who investigate and are able to extinguish the blaze. The Fayette County Fire Department installed 3 smoke alarms at the address on 2/18/2013.

- **Bristol, TN (December 5, 2014)**

Occupants: 2

Occupants were in another area of the home and had left cooking oil on active stove burner. Smoke alarm alerts to the fire. Occupants investigate and then evacuate the home to call 911. Property and contents lost estimated at \$35,000. 421 Area Emergency Services installed 2 smoke alarms at this address on 8/29/2013.

- **Cookeville, TN (December 19, 2014)**

Occupants: 3

Grease fire breaks out at midnight due to unattended cooking. Three residents are inside the home; two of which are sleeping. Smoke alarms alert and one resident attempts to remove pot from structure, burning hands in the process. All residents are able to escape; two are transported to the hospital for injuries and breathing problems and later released. Cookeville Fire Department installed 3 smoke alarms at this address on 6/7/2014.

- **White Bluff, TN (December 24, 2014)**

Occupants: 4

Smoke alarms activate to a chimney fire in a manufactured home, alerting occupants who are in another room. All 4 occupants are able to escape without injury and call 911. Claylick Volunteer Fire Department installed 2 smoke alarms in this home on 3/9/2013.

- **Arlington, TN (January 7, 2015)**

Occupants: 2

Companies from Arlington, Shelby County, and Memphis Fire Departments respond to a midnight house fire. Immediate fire attack and search procedures were initiated and the fire was knocked down and extinguished. During the salvage and overhaul operations, the homeowner was asked what happened. They advised they were sleeping in another room and were alerted by the smoke alarm. The initial reaction of the homeowner was to try and fight the fire, but due to the size of the fire and rapid growth, they decided to evacuate the structure. Preliminary investigation indicates that there was a space heater in the bathroom next to some floor mats that ignited and caused the fire. There were no injuries to the homeowner or to any firefighters on the scene. Arlington Fire Department installed a smoke alarm in the home on 2/5/2013.

- **Cottage Grove, TN (January 7, 2015)**

Occupants: 1

The Paris Fire Department installed 2 alarms in this home on 3/28/2014. Less than a year later, Cottage Grove Fire Department responded to a chimney fire at this address. The occupant was alerted to the fire by the alarms and was able to safely evacuate the structure.

- **Bolivar, TN (January 9, 2015)**

Occupants: 1

Smoke alarm alerts to a fire within the home prompting the resident to exit and call 911. The fire resulted in an estimated \$4,000 of property/contents loss. The Bolivar Fire Department installed a smoke alarm in this home on 3/20/2013.

- **Mt. Pleasant, TN (January 9, 2015)**

Occupants: 3

Smoke alarm alerts to an unattended cooking fire at 10:30 p.m. The resident is able to return to the kitchen and cover the flaming pot and smother the fire. The Mt. Pleasant Fire Department installed 2 smoke alarms in this home on 5/31/2014.

- **Manchester, TN (January 12, 2015)**

Occupants: 1

Smoke alarm alerts occupant to a fire that appears to have started in a window air condition unit. Occupant attempted to extinguish the fire and then evacuated the house. Occupant was taken to the hospital, monitored, and released. Manchester Fire & Rescue installed smoke alarms in this home on 6/11/2014.

- **Humboldt, TN (February 20, 2015)**

Occupants: 4

An extension cord in a kitchen shorts out and causes a fire in a home around 8 p.m. The family (2 adults/2 children) is in the living room and hears the alarms sound. They evacuate and call the fire department from their neighbor's home. The Humboldt Fire Department installed 2 smoke alarms in this home on 10/14/2014.

- **Gainesboro, TN (February 24, 2015)**

Occupants: 2

An electrical fire breaks out in a manufactured home around midnight with 2 people sleeping inside. The residents evacuate the structure and call 911. No injuries were sustained, but the home was a total loss. The Gainesboro Fire Department installed 3 smoke alarms in this home on 12/29/2013.

- **Paris, TN (April 22, 2015)**

Occupants: 1

Smoke alarm alerts occupant to an unattended cooking fire. The Paris Fire Department installed smoke alarms in this home on 11/7/14.

- **Arlington, TN (April 27, 2015)**

Occupants: 2

On October 27, 2014 the Arlington Fire Dept. B-shift personnel installed two working smoke alarms, the 10-year kind provided by the State of Tennessee, on Galloway Levee in Arlington. On Monday April 27, 2015 at 14:34 hours the Arlington Fire Dept. along with the Shelby County Fire Dept. and two tankers from the Fayette County Fire Dept. responded to a working structure fire at this address. After the fire was extinguished, the occupant advised that one of the two previously mentioned installed smoke alarms is what alerted her to the fire allowing her and a small child to escape uninjured. When AFD Engine 71 arrived on the scene and began an interior attack the smoke alarm could still be heard sounding and was found during overhaul operations.

- **Sardis, TN (July 2015)**

Occupants: 1

From the Henderson County Fire Chief:

We learned this morning that some alarms that were installed in a home a few months ago have in fact saved the home. We were inspecting the Sardis Senior Center and a lady came up to us and stated the alarms that were installed in her home a few months ago saved her home. She went outside leaving cooking unattended and heard the alarms going off. She returned back inside the house and was able to remove the pan from the stove just before it caught fire.

- **Millington, TN (July 18, 2015)**

Occupants: 1

A smoke alarm alerts causing resident to investigate and discover the attached garage is on fire. Resident safely evacuates and calls 911. The fire resulted in \$25,000 in property/contents loss. The Millington Fire Department installed the smoke alarm in the home on 6/30/14.

- **Kingston, TN (August 15, 2015)**

Occupants: 2

Fire starts in a bathroom where a clothes hamper was in front of an electric wall heater. A curling iron had fallen behind the hamper, hitting the switch and turning the heater on. The adult occupant hears the smoke alarm go off, calls 911, picks up granddaughter and safely exits the home. The Kingston Fire Department installed 3 alarms in this home on 11/29/14.

- **Clarksville, TN (September 20, 2015)**

Occupants: 1

Early morning cooking fire breaks out in a home where the resident had started cooking breakfast and then fallen back asleep. The resident was awakened by newly installed smoke alarms and was able to exit safely and call 911. Extensive damage was done to the home. Clarksville Fire Rescue installed smoke alarms in this home the day before the fire on 9/19/15.

- **Tullahoma, TN (September 25, 2015)**

Occupants: 1

Smoke alarm alerts to an oven fire caused by a pizza box accidentally left inside an oven. Resident returns to the kitchen to investigate and is able to extinguish fire. Hickerson Station Fire Department installed 2 smoke alarms in this home the on 7/23/13.

- **Bolivar, TN (October 3, 2015)**

Occupants: 1

The Bolivar Fire Department installed 2 smoke alarms in a residence on 11/4/14, provided by the State Fire Marshal's Office. At 6:03 p.m. one of the smoke alarms installed alerted the occupant to a fire that started while cooking. The fire had "smoked up the house" and the resident was made aware of the fire via the smoke alarm detection. The FD responded and the occupant was able to extinguish the fire before the FD arrived.

- **Memphis, TN (November 3, 2015)**

Occupants: 7

Burning incense left unattended in a bedroom causes a fire to break out in a home around 6 p.m. The smoke alarm activates, alerting the seven residents inside. They dialed 911 and safely evacuated the structure. The Memphis Fire Department installed the alarm on 10/10/15.

- **Sneedville, TN (November 23, 2015)**

Occupants: 3

A fire breaks out in a home at 1:26 a.m. A smoke alarm activates and alerts the residents. The male resident investigates to discover the wall behind the washing machine on fire. He assists his pregnant wife with evacuating the structure and they call 911. The fire resulted in an estimated \$65,000 of property/contents loss. The Panther Creek Fire Department installed smoke alarms in this home on 10/11/14.

- **Bolivar, TN (November 26, 2015)**

Occupants: At least 1

A fire breaks out in the home as a result of unattended cooking. A smoke alarm alerts, prompting the resident to safely evacuate the structure and call 911. The Bolivar Fire Department installed the alarm in this home on 3/16/13.

- **Maryville, TN (November 28, 2015)**

Occupants: 2

A space heater causes a fire in a home with 2 people sleeping inside. A smoke alarm activates, waking one resident who then yells to alert the second resident in another room. Both are able to safely escape the structure and call 911. The Blount County Fire Department installed two smoke alarms in this home on 12/19/12.

- **Columbia, TN (December 17, 2015)**

Occupants: 2

Two occupants return home from the grocery store. One occupant places some groceries on the stovetop, accidentally turning on one of the burners. While both residents are changing clothes on opposite sides of the manufactured home, the smoke alarm alerts. The first resident is able to assist the other resident, who is blind, in evacuating the structure to call 911. The fire department is able to extinguish the fire before major damage occurs. The Columbia Fire Department installed a smoke alarm in this home on 2/23/14.

- **Trenton, TN (December 29, 2015)**

Occupants: 4

An unattended cooking fire breaks out in a residence with 4 occupants inside. Smoke alarms alert, prompting one of the residents to return to the kitchen, discover the fire, and extinguish it before major damage could occur. The Trenton Fire Department installed smoke alarms in this home on 2/10/15.

- **Hickory Valley, TN (January 21, 2016)**

Occupants: 1

A smoke alarm installed by Hickory Valley VFD alerted residents to a house fire of unknown cause and origin. The responding fire departments were able to extinguish the fire, though there was damage to the residence.

- **Smithville, TN (February 5th, 2016)**

Occupants: 1

Dekalb County FD responded to a house fire started by a chimney. The smoke alarm installed by Dekalb County FD in November 2013 alerted the resident to the fire, who called 911. The FD was able to extinguish the fire and clear out smoke from the residence.

- **Lewisburg, TN (February 11th, 2016)**

Occupants: 1

An unattended cooking fire breaks out in a residence with 1 occupant inside. Smoke alarms installed on December 19th by Lewisburg FD and Red Cross begin to sound. The resident was alerted to the smoke alarms by his service dog. The dog, alerted by the smoke alarms, alerted the resident, who then got out of the residence and called 911.

- **Portland, TN (February 26th, 2016)**

Occupants: 1

A fire broke out in the living room of a Portland residence, ignited a cloth chair in the living room. A smoke alarm installed by Orlinda FD on February 16th, 2016 alerted the resident, who called 911. The responding fire department was able to extinguish the fire and limit damage to the residence.

- **Memphis, TN (March 10th, 2016)**

Occupants: 1

A cooking fire broke out at a Memphis residence due to unattended cooking. The resident was alerted to the fire by a smoke alarm installed by Memphis FD on April 9th, 2015. Memphis FD responded to the fire after the resident called 911. The fire was extinguished with minimal damage to the residence.

- **Trenton, TN (March 25th, 2016)**

- **Occupants: 1**

A resident was alerted by a smoke alarm to a cooking fire confined to the container. The smoke alarm was installed by Trenton FD on October 14th, 2014. Trenton FD responded to the cooking fire, which was out on arrival.

- **Columbia, TN (March 27th, 2016)**

Occupants: 1

A cooking fire broke out at a residence due to unattended cooking. The resident was alerted to the fire by a smoke alarm installed by Columbia FD in April 2013. Columbia FD responded to the fire, which was out on arrival.

- **Lexington, TN (May 11th, 2016)**

Occupants: 1

A resident began cooking on a stove when a fire broke out and spread to the cabinets. The smoke alarm alerted the resident to the fire, who then called 911. The fire department arrived and extinguished the fire with a dry chemical extinguisher.

- **Somerville, TN (May 12th, 2016)**

Occupants: 1

Fayette County Fire Department was dispatched to a kitchen fire at 5:40 PM. They arrived and were able to

extinguish the fire, which was confined to a container. The resident was alerted to the fire by a smoke alarm which was installed in March 2013 by Fayette County FD.

- **Cookeville, TN (May 15th, 2016)**

Occupants: 1

A resident was alerted to smoke in a mobile home coming from a kitchen window. The resident attempted to put the fire out with a bowl of water, but then exited and called 911. Putnam County FD, who installed a smoke alarm in the residence in June 2013, responded and extinguished the fire, which was determined to be from a discarded cigarette.

- **Red Bank, TN (June 24th, 2016)**

Occupants: 2

Two homeowners were alerted to a fire in their home by a smoke alarm installed by Red Bank Fire Department in December of 2015. The fire was set intentionally by a renting occupant in the basement of the home, who ended his own life simultaneous to starting the fire. As the fire spread from the basement, the smoke alarms installed in the main floor of the home alerted, waking up the homeowners, who escaped and called 911.

- **Etowah, TN (July 13th, 2016)**

Occupants: 5

Five residents were alerted to a house fire in Etowah by a smoke alarm installed by Etowah City Fire Department in May 2013. The fire was started by a match in the upstairs bathroom, where an adolescent was reportedly playing with matches. All 5 residents were able to escape when the smoke alarm sounded, with one resident able to escape while still connected to an oxygen tank. The FD responded after a 9-1-1 call was made and they were able to extinguish the fire on arrival.

- **Bolivar, TN (August 8th, 2016)**

Occupants: 5

Bolivar FD responded to a house fire on Locust Street that started in the garage. When they arrived, the structure was 50% involved and they were able to extinguish the fire. Five occupants were able to escape because they were alerted to the fire by a smoke alarm installed in October 2015. The cause of the fire was unknown and over \$50K damage was reported.

- **Trenton, TN (August 15th, 2016)**

Occupants: 1

A fire that started from powered equipment in a home in Trenton, TN set off a smoke alarm that was installed in 2014 by the Gibson County FD. The alarm alerted the occupant who then called 911. Gibson County FD arrived and was able to extinguish the fire. The reported loss was \$500 in damage.

- **Martin, TN (August 18th, 2016)**

Occupants: 1

A cooking fire confined to a container set off the smoke alarm at a residence in Martin, TN. The resident was alerted to the fire and called Martin FD, who responded to the fire and extinguished the small fire. Martin FD installed the smoke alarm on October 21st, 2015.

- **Hendersonville, TN (August 26th, 2016)**

Occupants: 3

A house fire broke out at 7:48 AM in a Hendersonville residence. Three residents were alerted by the smoke alarms, which were installed by Hendersonville FD on July 25th, 2015. After a 9-1-1 call was made, the FD arrived to smoke and heavy flame, which they were then able to extinguish. All three residents were able to escape the residence in time, with one being treated for light smoke inhalation. The fire was deemed to be electrical in nature, while hoarding contributed to the spread of the fire.

- **Arlington, TN (September 2nd, 2016)**

Occupants: 1

A cooking fire confined to a container broke out at a home in Arlington at approximately 8:00 PM. The resident was alerted to the fire by a smoke alarm that was installed in March 2013. Memphis FD arrived to find the fire already extinguished, but did have to ventilate for smoke. There was \$1000 in contents reported damaged in the incident.

- **Memphis, TN (September 13th, 2016)**

Occupants: 1

A cooking fire confined to a container broke out at a home in Memphis at approximately 2:40 PM. The resident was alerted to the fire by a smoke alarm that was installed in September 2015. Memphis FD arrived to find the fire already extinguished. Less than \$500 was reported damaged in the incident.

- **Ripley, TN (September 24th, 2016)**

Occupants: 1

A cooking fire started at a single family home at 5:40 PM. The resident was alerted by a smoke alarm installed in November 2014. Once alerted, the resident called 911 and Ripley FD responded. They were able to extinguish the fire with dry powder extinguisher. There was minimal damage to the home, but the resident was unharmed.

- **Memphis, TN (October 17th, 2016)**

Occupants: 7

Memphis Fire Department responded to a house fire at 5:47 PM, arriving to a small fire in the attic of a one/two family home. The FD was able to extinguish the fire, which was caused by arcing in an attic furnace. The residents were alerted to the fire by a smoke alarm installed by Memphis FD in February 2013. All seven residents, including four children, were able to escape the house. There was \$3000 damage to the structure and contents reported.

- **Bolivar, TN (November 3rd, 2016)**

Occupants: 1

Bolivar Fire Department was dispatched to a structure fire at 2:00 PM. They responded to the fire which was already extinguished by the resident. The resident was alerted to the fire by a smoke alarm installed by Bolivar FD in May 2016. The fire started due to a candle that was placed too close to the curtains. Approximately \$2000 of damage to contents was reported and only minor injuries were reported.

- **Gatlinburg, TN (November 5th, 2016)**

Occupants: 1

A resident was alerted by a smoke alarm to smoke coming from the chimney (not the flue) and called Gatlinburg FD. The FD arrived and investigated the fire, which was out on arrival. The smoke alarm was installed by Gatlinburg FD in November 2014.

- **Jackson, TN (November 5th, 2016)**

Occupants: 1

Jackson FD responded to a house fire at 12:30 PM. Upon arrival, an elderly resident was outside and reported a fire on her carpet inside. Upon further investigation, the responding unit found another fire burning in the laundry simultaneous to (or related to) the carpet fire. They also noticed unattended cooking on the stove, which they extinguished. The elderly resident was alerted to the fire by a smoke installed by Jackson FD in September 2015. Approximately \$2,000 of damage was reported in the fire incident.

- **Ripley, TN (November 27th, 2016)**

Occupants: 2*

Ripley Fire Department dispatched to a house fire at 8:00 PM. Upon arrival, smoke is seen emitting from the roof and all occupants are outside the house. Two apparatus with crews extinguished the fire, which caused approximately \$13,500 damage to the house. The cause was determined to be heating related. The residents were alerted to the fire by a smoke alarm installed in May 2015 by Ripley FD.

- **Memphis, TN (December 30th, 2016)**

Occupants: 4

Memphis FD responded to a single family house fire at 4:51 AM on Friday morning. The responding units reported smoke visible from the structure upon arrival and were able to extinguish the fire by 5:08 AM. Four residents, including three adults and one child, were alerted to the fire by a smoke alarm installed by Memphis FD in February 2013. All four residents were able to escape the home safely. The cause of the fire was determined to be a space heater that was positioned too close to combustible material in the family room/den. Total damage to the structure was approximately \$30,000.

- **Ripley, TN (January 7th, 2017)**

Occupants: 1

Ripley FD responded to a single family house fire at 2:37 AM on a Saturday morning. The resident was alerted to a small fire by a smoke alarm that was installed by Ripley FD in October 2015. The responding FD was able to extinguish the fire with minimal damage and no injuries occurred.

- **Memphis, TN (January 12th, 2017)**

Occupants: 1

Memphis FD responded to a single family house fire at 4:21 on a Thursday afternoon. They arrived to a cooking fire that had been extinguished by the resident. The resident was alerted to the fire by a smoke alarm that had been installed by Memphis FD in September 2015.

- **Cookeville, TN (January 16th, 2017)**

Occupants: 1

Cookeville FD responded to a cooking fire at a single family house at 5:15 PM. The resident directed the responding personnel to the rear kitchen, where the stove was on fire. The FD was able to extinguish the fire with minimal damage to the home. The resident was alerted to the fire by a smoke alarm installed by Cookeville FD in March 2013.

- **Atoka, TN (March 12th, 2017)**

Occupants: 2

A home fire broke out at 1:19 PM when a fryer had been left on after cooking. Atoka FD responded and was able to extinguish the fire. The resident reported using the oven to cook earlier and then fell asleep without turning it off. The resident was alerted to the fire by a smoke alarm that was installed by Atoka FD in July 2015. Approximately \$5,000 damage was reported in the fire.

- **Dyersburg, TN (March 21st, 2017)**

Occupants: 1

Dyersburg FD responded to a house fire at a single family resident at 1:50 PM. They arrived to light smoke coming from the house and were able to extinguish the fire that had started in the kitchen. The fire started on the electric range stove and had spread to the cabinets. Unattended cooking contributed to the start of the fire. Approximately \$6,000 damage was reported in the fire. The resident was alerted to the fire by a smoke alarm that was installed by Dyersburg FD in July 2013.

- **Jackson, TN (March 8th, 2017)**

Occupants: 1

Jackson FD responded to a cooking fire at a single family home at 4:08 PM. On arrival, the FD found the occupant standing in her front yard. She stated that the stove was on fire and had spread to the upper cabinets. She was alerted to the fire by the smoke alarm and then she escaped and called fire department. The smoke alarm was installed by Jackson FD in January 2017. The fire department was able to extinguish the fire. There was approximately \$6,000 worth of damage.

- **Memphis, TN (April 3rd, 2017)**

Occupants: 6

A fire due to unattended cooking broke out at a residence in Memphis, TN at approximately 9:30 PM. The resident was alerted to the fire by a smoke alarm and called 9-1-1. Memphis FD responded and was able to extinguish the fire. Approximately \$30,000 of damage was reported. Two adults and four children were able to escape the house because of the smoke alarm. Memphis FD installed the smoke alarm on October 25th, 2016.

- **Chattanooga, TN (May 21st, 2017)**

Occupants: 2

A fire started at a single story, wood frame house in Chattanooga around 11:52 AM on a Sunday morning. When the FD arrived, they reported that the occupants of the house were already out of the structure and that the fire was extinguished. One occupant reported that they were alerted to a fire in the kitchen by a smoke alarm. He then extinguished the fire and all occupants escaped the home. The fire was ruled to have started from cooking oil on the eye of the stove that the occupants thought had been turned off. The smoke alarm was installed by Chattanooga FD in May 2013.

- **Dyersburg, TN (May 23rd, 2017)**

Occupants: 1

A fire broke out in an old dryer at a single family home at 9:45 PM on a Tuesday. The resident was alerted to the fire by a smoke alarm that was installed by Dyersburg FD in February of 2014. The fire department arrived and was able to extinguish the fire. The fire caused a total of \$300 of damage to the home.

- **Lexington, TN (June 8th, 2017)**

Occupants: 2

A cooking fire started at a duplex in Lexington around 7:45 PM on a Thursday evening. Two residents were able to escape the residence and call the fire department, having been alerted to the fire by a smoke alarm that was installed in the same apartment by Lexington FD in September 2016. The residents reported that they had been cooking and left the stove unattended. The FD arrived and extinguished the fire. They reported that the fire was on the stove and had spread to the cabinets above the stove, resulting in \$5,000 of damage to the unit.

- **Memphis, TN (June 30th, 2017)**

Occupants: 1

A fire started from a burning candle around 1:30 AM on a Friday morning. The fire department responded to the fire and extinguished the fire, but not before over \$35,000 of damage was done to the single family home. The resident was alerted by smoke alarm that was installed by Memphis FD in February 2013. The resident stated he/she was using a candle because the electricity had been turned off at the residence.

- **Memphis, TN (July 14th, 2017)**

Occupants: 1

A fire started on a cooking stove at 12:33 PM. The resident was alerted to the fire by a smoke alarm installed by Memphis FD in November 2016. The fire department arrived to the house, but the fire was out on arrival. There was no damage to the home.

- **Louisville, TN (August 20th, 2017)**

Occupants: 1

Blount County FD responded to a fire at a manufactured home at 7:44 AM. On arrival, the resident was outside of the home, with the home fully involved. Once the fire department extinguished the fire, the resident reported being alerted to the fire by a smoke alarm that was installed by the fire department in November 2015. The home was a total loss, with \$30,000 of damage reported. The cause of the fire was undetermined.

- **Memphis, TN (October 6th, 2017)**

Occupants: 1

A fire started on a cooking stove at 1:40 PM. The resident was alerted to the fire by a smoke alarm installed by Memphis FD in February 2015. The fire department arrived to the house with light smoke showing. They were able to extinguish the fire. There was approximately \$1,500 of damage to the two-story residence.

- **Jackson, TN (October 28th, 2017)**

Occupants: 1

Jackson FD responded to a cooking fire at a single family home at 1:22 AM. On arrival, the FD found the occupant standing in his front yard. The kitchen was on fire and spread to the upper cabinets. Resident was alerted to the fire by a smoke alarm that was installed by Jackson FD in April 2016. The fire department was able to extinguish the fire.

- **Memphis, TN (November 23rd, 2017)**

Occupants: 1

A fire started in the chimney of a single family home at 1:18 AM. Three residents were alerted to the fire by a smoke alarm installed by Memphis FD in February 2015. The fire department arrived to the house the fire contained to the chimney and attic areas. They were able to extinguish the fire. There was approximately \$17,000 of damage to the residence and no injuries were reported.

- **Dickson, TN (December 5th, 2017)**

Occupants: 4

Dickson FD responded to a fire at a single family residence at 4:11 a.m. They arrived to a house fire, with four residents having already escaped the home (two adults and their two children). The fire was started by a electrical wiring issue that ignited an interior wall. There was \$30,000 of damage to the home and contents. The residents were alerted to the fire by a smoke alarm installed by Dickson County EMA in December 2015.

- **Memphis, TN (December 21st, 2017)**

Occupants: 1

Memphis FD responded to a fire started by an electrical outlet at a single family home at 12:40 AM. The resident was alerted to the fire by a smoke alarm installed by Memphis FD in February 2013. Approximately \$23,000 of damage was reported in the fire.

- **Lafayette, TN (December 31st, 2017)**

Occupants: 1

Lafayette FD responded to a fire started by a wall heater at a single family home at 6:09 PM. The resident was alerted to the fire by a smoke alarm installed by Lafayette FD in September 2016. Approximately \$11,500 of damage was reported in the fire.

- **Huntland, TN (January 2nd, 2018)**

Occupants: 3

Huntland VFD responded to a fire at a single family home at 12:49 AM. Three residents were asleep in the home when the smoke alarms alerted them to the fire. The daughter ran to a neighbor's house to call 911. The FD arrived to a fire fully involved, including the back porch. The house was a total loss, but no injuries were reported. The alarms were installed by Huntland VFD in August 2015.

- **Tullahoma, TN (January 4th, 2018)**

Occupants: 1

Tullahoma FD responded to a fire started by an electrical malfunction at a single family home at 6:37 AM. The resident was alerted to the fire by a smoke alarm installed by Tullahoma FD in January 2017. Approximately \$20,000 of damage was reported in the fire.

- **Atoka, TN (January 18th, 2018)**

Occupants: 1

Atoka FD responded to a fire started by a dishwasher at a single family home at 8:27 PM. The resident was alerted to the fire by a smoke alarm installed by Munford FD in March 2015. Approximately \$3000 of damage was reported in the fire.

- **Maryville, TN (January 18th, 2018)**

Occupants: 1

Maryville FD responded to a fire started by an electrical malfunction at a single family home at 12:28 AM. The resident was alerted to the fire by a smoke alarm installed by Maryville FD in December 2014. The resident had escaped the home by the time the FD arrived. There was \$21,100 damage reported in the home and it was considered a total loss. The resident did have injuries sustained in the fire, but survived.

- **Ashland City, TN (January 29th, 2018)**

Occupants: 5

A resident woke up to their smoke alarms going off and smelled smoke. After the FD arrived, they were able to extinguish the fire. The alarm that woke up the resident was installed by Pleasant View VFD in September 2015. Two adults and three children were at home at the time of the fire and all five were able to escape.

- **Lexington, TN (February 4th, 2018)**

Occupants: 5

Henderson County FD responded to a fire at a single family residence at 6:11 p.m. They arrived to a house fire, with five residents having already escaped the home. The fire was started by a cooking stove that ignited nearby cooking materials. There was \$75,000 of damage to the home and contents. The residents were alerted to the fire by a smoke alarm installed by Henderson County FD in April 2017.

- **Dyer, TN (February 21st, 2018)**

Occupants: 1

Dyer Fire Department responded to a cooking fire at a single family home at 8:17 PM. Upon arrival, the FD was able to extinguish the fire, reporting \$4,000 worth of damage. The resident reported she had been cooking earlier, but had left the kitchen. A rag that was left near the eye of the stove caught fire, then fell to the floor, igniting a rug. She was alerted to the fire by a SafeAwake alarm (a deaf/hard-of-hearing alarm) that had been installed by Jackson Center for the Deaf in August 2015. The resident could not hear or smell the fire; the SafeAwake was the only way for her to be alerted to the fire. She left the residence and called 911 at a neighbor's house.

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- **Milan, TN (April 17, 2012)**

Occupants: 1

Cooking fire that began when homeowner was making tea, left the room to watch TV and forgot the stove was on. The smoke alarm alerted her to the fire. There were no injuries. The only damage from the fire was a melted pot handle. Milan Fire Department installed 3 smoke alarms in the home on 12/16/2011.

- **Alcoa, TN (May 5, 2012)**

Occupants: 8

Fire began when a portable heater ignited a mattress. According to the TFIRS report, children were sleeping on the bed where the mattress had caught fire. The homeowner was awoken by the smoke alarm at 5am, found the mattress burning and extinguished the fire. After that, the batteries were removed from the smoke alarm. The children were moved to another room, and the family went back to sleep. The fire rekindled a few hours later at 7:45am, at which point Alcoa Fire Department responded. There were no injuries to the 8 occupants. There was \$40,000 of damage to the \$83,200 home. Alcoa Fire Department installed a smoke alarm in the home on 12/18/2011.