

Friday fire claims two lives

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**(KNZA)--A Jackson County residential fire claims two lives.**

**Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse, said the fire was reported late Friday morning in Netawaka.**

**A dozen fire department from the surrounding areas, including the Netawaka Fire Department, responded to 421 Whiteway Street, shortly after 10:00, and battled the deadly blaze for just over an hour.**

**“There was really nothing anybody could do to be able to enter the residence. It was just too far gone at that point,” Morse said.**

**The flames had fully engulfed the two story structure, and threatened a residence located to the east.**

**Morse said it was after the fire was extinguished that the two persons were found inside.**

**The two victims are not immediately identified, and the Jackson County Coroner has ordered autopsies to be conducted.**

**A family dog was able to be rescued.**

**The home is considered a total loss.**

**The cause of the deadly blaze remains under investigation, with the Jackson County Sheriff's Office and the Kansas State Fire Marshal's Office conducting the probe.**

**“They did use a wood stove to heat the residence, so that's all being taken under consideration as well,” Morse said.**

**As of late Friday afternoon, Morse said his office's three fire investigators remained on the scene, working with the Fire Marshal's investigators.**