

Sunday fire damages Falls City home

(KLZA)-- Fire caused major damage to a Falls City home on Sunday afternoon.

Fire fighters from the Falls City Volunteer Fire Department and Falls City Rural Fire Department responded to the call around 1:15 at 1612 Fulton Street.

Strong southerly winds caused fire fighters difficulty in battling the blaze.

Flames at the back and on the side of the home of Mike and Melanie Rolfe also damaged some of the siding on the garage next door.

A report from the Falls City Volunteer Fire Department said neighbors reported hearing a large bang or small explosion prior to seeing the smoke and flames.

There was an occupant in the home at the time of the fire who was transported to Community Medical Center and then released later Sunday afternoon.

The Nebraska State Fire Marshall's Office was called to investigate the cause of the fire which remains under investigation.

Fire fighters remained on the scene until after 6:00 p.m.

First Assistant Fire Chief Jon McQueen and members of the Falls City Volunteer Ambulance Squad have requested the public to not, drive by and clutter these areas while trying to get a glimpse of what is going on. McQueen said it slows down response time and does not allow the volunteers to be able to do their job and get the needed equipment to the scene.

Members of the Volunteer Fire Department were at the fire station when the call went out, preparing to drive the recently purchased ladder truck which is not yet in service. They had already started the older ladder truck to exercise it as well.

The older ladder truck was brought to the scene to reach the roof of the home and help control the spread of the flames.

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