

Suspicious Atchison fire probe continues

(KAIR)--A residential Atchison house fire, suspected to have started due to arson, remains under investigation.

The home, located at 819 Kansas Avenue, was declared a danger, and emergency protocol was followed to demolish the remnants of the structure. Fire Chief Patrick Weishaar Monday explained those steps to the Atchison City Commission, saying the condition of the structure, coupled with its location to neighboring homes and the sidewalk, made it a public danger and it was demolished last week.

The home, which was found engulfed in flames in the early morning hours of October 11, was not occupied at the time of the fire. In fact, the home had no power and was believed, by the owner, to be uninhabited, leading to suspicions about the cause of the blaze.

According to Weishaar, the ongoing investigation by his department is being assisted by the Atchison Police Department and the Kansas State Fire Marshal.

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