

Early Saturday house fire battled in Atchison

(KAIR)--An early Saturday morning, Atchison residential fire saw fire crews battling that blaze, while trying to protect two nearby houses, after the fire was discovered, around 5:00, by Atchison Police, who had responded to the area for a dog barking complaint.

That's according to a release from Atchison Fire Chief Patrick Weishaar, who says firefighters, upon arrival at the 914 Kansas Avenue address, found "the entire second-story and the backside of the two story residence engulfed in fire." Weishaar notes that "crews eventually were able to bring the fire under control while protecting the exposure of 2 houses, one to the east, and one to the west, both in close proximity to the involved house fire."

No one was at home at the time of the fire, with Weishaar explaining that "ownership and occupancy remain under investigation as early reports indicate the home was recently sold," with Weishaar noting that "there were no electrical or gas services to the residence."

The Atchison Salvation Army was among agencies who provided assistance at the scene as the fire was battled.

According to Weishaar, "the structure eventually collapsed as a result of the fire, but no injuries were reported," with the investigation into the possible cause of the fire continuing through the weekend.

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