

Atchison house fire battled Monday

(KAIR)--A house fire, located at Atchison's 410 North 9th Street, sent firefighters to that location around 9:44 Monday morning, with "smoke found coming from the basement and the three upper floors on the north side of the three story, single family home."

That's according to Atchison Fire Chief Patrick Weishaar who, in a release, says "firefighters were able to quickly make their way into the residence and down to the basement where they found the bulk of the fire in the northeast corner [and] were able to extinguish the blaze, keeping it from spreading up the wall and ceiling above."

Two adult occupants of the home, who were able to safely escape the fire, were evaluated by Atchison County EMS at the scene for smoke inhalation and later released.

By Monday afternoon, firecrews had cleared the scene, with Weishaar saying investigators determined the cause was electrical in nature. Saying the fire started in the home's basement, Weishaar adds that the cause will remain under investigation "until electrical operating equipment can be examined more closely."

Because of a damaged water line, and the removal of electric service, the residence is currently uninhabitable, with the displaced occupants working with their insurance company, and the Atchison Salvation Army, to secure temporary lodging and other necessities.

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