

Industrial park fire leaves damage

(KAIR)--An early Tuesday evening fire at the Shannon Industrial Park leaves damage.

Atchison Fire Chief Ted Graf told MSC News firefighters were called to 8154 Industrial Park Lane, the location of Tex-Tube industries, when a fire in the compressor room was reported. "Upon arrival, there was a tremendous amount of smoke showing from the east side of the building, as well as flames from a fully involved portion of the building known as the compressor room, [an] addition to the main part of the assembly plant, a small room on the east side of that location, which was on fire. The suppression actually went relatively smoothly. That part of the building is primarily made up of metal construction, which aided a little bit."

Graf said a damage assessment is expected Wednesday, and it's not immediately known what affect the fire will have on Tex-Tube operations. "Anything in that particular area has been destroyed, so they will have to do the damage assessment at a later time. This does, however, have an affect on their processing to a certain extent so that it definitely could affect production."

Graf said the cause of the fire remains under investigation. "We're suspecting probably electrical or mechanical at this time, which is generally the cause of a fire in a processing type room. The problem with it is that with the extent of damage, we may not truly know and may not be able to come up with a 100% cause."

No injuries are reported due to the blaze which was reported shortly after 5:00.

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