

Monday morning fire leaves damage

**(KAIR)--An Atchison home incurs damage as the result of an early Monday morning fire.**

**Atchison Fire Chief Ted Graf told MSC News firefighters were called to 720 South 12th Street shortly after 2:00.**

**The fire was confined to the attic, and left the roof of the home with considerable damage.**

**The interior of the home sustained what Graf called significant smoke and water damage.**

**Graf said the occupant of the home was able to escape the fire without injury.**

**As firefighters battled the fire in the sub zero temperatures, the resident was sheltered in the warmth of an Atchison County EMS ambulance until a family member arrived on the scene.**

**According to Graf, fire crews remained on the scene for around 3-hours.**

**The Kansas State Fire Marshal's Office was called in to assist with the investigation.**

**Late Monday afternoon, Graf said the investigation points to a lit fireplace as the cause due to missing mortar.**

**The home was occupied by a woman and her son.**

**The cost of damage is estimated at more than \$75,000.**

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