

Sunday afternoon fire in downtown Wathena





Credit: Tanner Veach

**(MSC News)--Firefighters from multiple agencies battled a structure fire in downtown Wathena Sunday afternoon.**

**The fire was reported around 12:30 at a vacant building located in the 300 block of Main Street.**

**KQ2-TV reports the building was destroyed while adjacent businesses sustained significant smoke and water damage.**

**Multiple people were evacuated from apartments located on top of one of the structure's neighboring buildings. The Red Cross was assisting the occupants displaced by the fire.**

**No injuries were reported.**

**The cause of the fire remains under investigation.**

**Firefighters from Elwood, Wathena, Troy, St. Joseph and Rosecrans battled the blaze for several hours.**

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