

Arson possible in Atchison house fire

(KAIR)--An early Tuesday morning Atchison house fire sent fire crews rushing to 819 Kansas Avenue, the location of the two story home which was engulfed in flames when they arrived.

According to Atchison Fire Chief Patrick Weishaar, a passerby, around 5:30 this morning, reported the fire, but was unaware of when it actually began.

Weishaar says crews were able to bring the fire under control, but remained on the scene Tuesday morning battling small fires.

Although there was no indication anyone was inside the home, the structure continued to be searched through the early morning.

By late morning, Weishaar said it was confirmed that no one was inside the house at the time of the fire, although it was currently being occupied, with those residents away when the blaze began. However, Weishaar says details of the occupancy remains unclear, as there no utilities to the residence and the property owner lives at a different location.

A State investigator has been called in to assist with the investigation, with Weishaar saying that official will help examine the possibility of arson as the cause of the fire.

The investigation is continuing.

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