

Saturday explosion injures woman in Atchison

(KAIR)--A woman suffers injuries requiring hospital care following an Atchison explosion Saturday night.

According to a release from Atchison Police Chief Mike Wilson, it happened in the 800 block of North 9th Street, around 9:20, when the 59-year-old woman “was outside a residence going through some miscellaneous items she had obtained earlier in the evening and was holding onto what was a probable fireworks device.” According to Wilson, the victim was smoking at the time, causing the device to ignite as she held it.

When Atchison Police Officers arrived, they found the woman to have suffered injuries to a hand, arm, and chest, requiring transport by Atchison County EMS to Mosaic Life Care, in Saint Joseph, Missouri.

Wilson, in the release, says his department was assisted at the scene by the Kansas Fire Marshal's Office, and the Leavenworth Police Bomb Squad, with that agency checking the scene for additional explosive devices. None were found.

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