

Fire causes significant damage to Hiawatha home

(KNZA)--Fire caused significant damage to a Hiawatha home Saturday afternoon.

Hiawatha Fire Chief Patrick Sheldon said crews were dispatched to 515 South 4th Street around 3:30 on the report of a structure fire.

Upon arrival, firefighters found the attached lean-to on the south side of the home fully engulfed. The fire spread to the main part of the home before crews were able to control the fire.

Sheldon said the homeowner was able to get out of the home safely with their pet.

He said the home sustained major structural damage along with smoke and water damage. In addition, Sheldon said the house to the south sustained minor damage due to the extreme heat from the fire.

An investigator from the state Fire Marshal's Office is investigating the cause of the fire.

Firefighters remained on the scene until around 6:30 Saturday evening.

Assisting were the Robinson Fire Department, Brown County Sheriff's Office, Hiawatha Police Department, Town and Country EMS and Brown County Rescue Squad.

“ When events like this take place, it is a true community effort.” said Sheldon.

Sheldon also issued this reminder to the public. " We know everyone wants to know what is going on. This causes problems for emergency responders having a difficult time getting to the scene, navigating city streets in large apparatuses with elevated traffic.”

Family members have set up a go fund me account for the owner of the home, Jeanne Holloway.<https://www.gofundme.com/f/donations-for-jeanne-holloway>