MGP explosion cause not yet known

(KAIR)--No injuries are reported following a Friday night explosion at Atchison's MGP Ingredients.

Atchison Fire Chief Ted Graf told MSC News the Atchison Fire Department was called to the Main Street location of the distillery, with 10th and 14th Streets blocked to traffic Friday night.

Social media posts from Atchison residents indicated the explosion was heard, and felt, throughout the city.

MSC News observed a cloud of smoke, and a strong odor, lingering over the city's downtown following the explosion, which occurred around 8:00 Friday night.

Fire crews remained on the scene into Friday night, working to suppress the resulting fire, with details of the explosion's cause not immediately available.

MGP issued a statement regarding the explosion Saturday:

MGP Statement Regarding Nov. 27 Fire

November 28, 2020

An explosion and fire occurred Friday evening in the operations facility at MGP Ingredients, Inc., in Atchison. There were no injuries. We are assessing the damage this morning and trying to determine the cause of the fire, which is unknown at this time.

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