

Atchison family loses home to fire

(KAIR)--No injuries are reported, but a family is left without a home, as the cause of a late Monday morning house fire remains under investigation.

According to a release from Atchison Fire Chief Patrick Weishaar, Atchison Fire Department crews, shortly after 10:15 Monday morning, were called “to 713 R Street for a report of a TV on fire.”

When they arrived, Weishaar said, “crews found the front, TV room of the residence engulfed in fire,” which the crews were “able to quickly extinguish.”

According to Weishaar, “there was extensive smoke damage to the one story, single family dwelling and the fire had extended into a small portion of the attic above the involved room,” with firefighters having “to open some of the ceiling to gain access to the extended area.”

The release states that “due to the heavy smoke damage the family will be unable to occupy the structure until cleaning and repairs can be made,” with the Atchison Salvation army assisting the family, which was “able to exit safely prior to calling 911 to report the fire.”

According to Weishaar, the investigation of the possible cause was underway just prior to the start of Monday afternoon.

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