

Restaurant kitchen fire battled in Atchison

(KAIR)--A Tuesday morning fire, in the kitchen of a long-standing Atchison business, was successfully handled, but left one employee in need of medical attention.

According to a release from Atchison Fire Chief Patrick Weishaar, firefighters were called to 115 South 3rd Street, the location of Paolucci's Restaurant and Deli, around 7:15 in the morning.

When they arrived, Weishaar said Atchison Fire Department crews "found a small fire in a storage area behind the kitchen," adding that "employee that were working in the kitchen were able to extinguish most of the fire using fire extinguishers," with firefighters extinguishing the remaining fire and removing smoldering items.

According to the release, "one employee of the restaurant was treated for possible smoke inhalation by Atchison County EMS and was released from their care shortly after."

Weishaar, in the release, says "there doesn't appear to be any structural damage from the fire, but smoke did fill the building, which [firefighters] were able to ventilate but the smoke odor remained prevalent throughout the kitchen and dining area" as of Tuesday morning.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.