

Atchison house fire leaves one dead

(KAIR)--Atchison firefighters, Thursday morning, responded to an Atchison house fire that left one person injured.

According to a preliminary report from Atchison Fire Chief Patrick Weishaar, fire crews, en route to the scene, had received a report that a senior citizen was possibly trapped inside. A resident of the home was rescued by firefighters, from a bedroom floor, and transported to Amberwell Atchison for treatment of injuries, but later died. The victim's name has not been made public.

According to Weishaar, the small, one story home, located at 1033 Hickory Street, was engulfed in flames at the time they arrived, around 6:45 Thursday morning.

Crews were able to bring the fire under control, Weishaar said, but remained on the scene to monitor the situation throughout Thursday.

The Kansas State Fire Marshal's Office has been called in to assist local investigators in determining the cause of the blaze.

Weishaar, in his release, says the fire call came at shift change, meaning two shifts of Atchison firefighters were able to quickly respond.

Numerous agencies assisted at the scene of the fire, including Atchison Police, the Kansas Highway Patrol, Atchison County EMS, Evergy, Kansas Gas Service, and City of Atchison crews.

The local Salvation Army also responded, assisting residents with resources due to the loss of the home.

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