

Atchison home destroyed in Thursday night fire

(KAIR)--No injuries were incurred despite a reported explosion that left an Atchison home destroyed.

According to a release from Atchison Fire Chief Patrick Weishaar, fire fighters were called to 312 South 21st Street, around 11:17 Thursday night, with multiple reports received regarding a house explosion.

Weishaar, in the release, says fire fighters, upon arrival, found heavy flames coming from the one-story home. They also reported hearing explosions coming from the rear, walk-out basement area of the house, with Weishaar saying that “early reports indicate there were propane cylinders in the basement.”

The home was occupied by one person, but Weishaar says it- unclear if that resident, who refused medical evaluation by first responders, was inside the home at the time of the explosion. The resident was assisted by the Atchison Salvation Army, which is providing temporary lodging, and transportation, at a local hotel.

Weishaar says “the house sustained heavy damage beyond repair and will most likely require emergency demolition as soon as possible.”

According to Weishaar, Atchison fire fighters remained on the scene through the night, with an investigator arriving Friday “to begin searching for a cause of the incident.”

The Atchison Police Department, and Atchison City Crews, assisted at the scene.

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