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Fire causes heavy damage to Hiawatha home

(KNZA)--Fire caused heavy smoke and water damage to a Hiawatha home Thursday afternoon.

Hiawatha Fire Chief Patrick Sheldon said the Fire Department was dispatched to 114 Kickapoo Street shortly after 3:30 for a report of leaves on fire. Upon arrival, the fire had spread to the structure.

Firefighters were able to gain control of the fire by about 4:15.

Luckily, Sheldon said the homeowner and family were able to evacuate. Unfortunately, he said three inside cats were overcome by smoke.

The adjacent home at 112 Kickapoo Street sustained some siding damage from the heat.

Firefighters were on scene until about 6:00 Thursday evening mopping up and putting out hot spots.

Sheldon said the state Fire Marshall's office will be investigating the fire.

He thanked the Hiawatha Police Department, Robinson Fire Department, Town and Country EMS and Brown County Rescue Squad for their assistance, along with members of the community for bringing out water and Gatorade.

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