

Atchison fire battled in Sunday's strong winds

(KAIR)--A late Sunday morning Atchison residential fire caused no injuries, but served as reminder of the increased danger strong winds bring when battling such a blaze.

Atchison firefighters were called to 304 Mound Street, shortly after 10:30, for what Atchison Fire Chief Patrick Weishaar says was "a report of a fire on the backside of the house."

When crews arrived on the scene, Weishaar, in a release, says "they found the back deck and the back of the single-story residence engulfed in fire," adding that they "were able to bring the fire under control, but high winds and dry conditions caused the fire to spread to the attic before it could be contained." Weishaar further states that "due to the high winds [Sunday], there was minor damage to a neighboring house."

Although the cause of the fire "is still undetermined" as of 2:30 Sunday afternoon, Weishaar adds that the department's fire investigator remained on the scene at that time, and "it has been determined the fire began on or near the back deck."

According to the release, the occupants of the residence were not at home when the fire began.

The Atchison Police Department, Atchison County EMS, and the Atchison Salvation Army all responded to assist.

Weishaar, in the release, reminds all citizens that both the County and City of Atchison remain under a burn ban due to the dry and windy conditions that increase fire danger.

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