MEDIA ALERT

For Immediate Release

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Joplin Fire Department

Structure Fire 102 E 44th, Joplin, Mo.

At 0911 hours the Joplin Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire at 102 E 44th Street. Upon arrival fire crews found smoke and flame coming from the rear of the house. Crews extinguished the fire after entering it from the main door. The fire was declared out at 1032 hours.

The house is rented by Don and Diana Jeffery. The Red Cross reported that as many as 15 people were staying at the house. 7 people (5 adults and 2 children) were transported to Freeman Hospital with smoke inhalation. No response personnel were injured on scene.

5 Joplin fire units and 26 fire personnel responded to the scene. Redings Mill Fire Department also provided 1 truck. METS, Newton County Ambulance District and the JPD assisted on scene. The Red Cross was called to provide assistance to the occupants.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

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