MEDIA ALERT

For Immediate Release
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Joplin Fire Department

Equipment Fire, 102 S. Gray, Joplin, Mo.

The Joplin Fire Department responded to a reported fire on the roof of North Middle School at 102 S. Gray at 1722 hrs. Fire crews arrived on the scene at 1724 hrs to find smoke and flames coming from a HVAC unit on the roof of the building. The fire was quickly extinguished and damage from the fire was confined to the HVAC unit.

The building fire alarm had activated and students and staff was evacuating the facility upon the Fire departments arrival.

There were no injuries reported during the incident. 6 Joplin Fire units and 22 Joplin Fire personnel responded.

The fire was the result of an equipment malfunction within the HVAC unit.

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