MEDIA ALERT

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Joplin Fire Department

Structure Fire, 720 S Sergeant, Joplin, MO.

The Joplin Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire at 720 S Sergeant at 10:12 AM, Thursday, 18 March, 2016. Fire crews arrived on the scene at 10:15 AM to find a two story wood balloon framed apartment building with smoke showing from the roof. The initial report was that someone could still be in the basement. Crews made entry into the house and searched the basement, finding no one there. A small fire was found in a basement wall and ceiling. The fire was extinguished and overhaul crews made entry to the house.

Crews remained on scene until 1:56 PM. The house is owned by Lois Shilkett of 812 N Pearl.

No injuries were reported to either fire personnel or bystanders. 6 Joplin Fire units and 18 Joplin Fire personnel responded, as well as JPD and METS.

The cause of the fire was determined to be faulty electrical wiring in the ceiling of the basement .

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