MEDIA ALERT

For Immediate Release
May 29, 2012
Joplin Fire Department

Structure Fire, 420 N Schifferdecker, Joplin, Mo.

The Joplin Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire at 420 N Schifferdecker at 1008 hours Sunday. Fire crews arrived on the scene at 1013 hours to find heavy smoke coming from the windows and roof of a single story wood frame structure. Crews attempted entry into the burning house, but were forced to pull back due to the heavy fire and smoke. The house suffered extensive damage.

The house is owned by Stanley & Kelly Prater.

There were no injuries during the incident. 5 Joplin Fire units and 16 Joplin Fire personnel responded, as well as JPD and METS.

The cause of the fire was determined to be accidental, unattended candle.

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