MEDIA ALERT

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Joplin Fire Department

Structure Fire, 732 S Empire, Joplin, Mo.

The Joplin Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire at 732 S Empire at 0657 hours Friday morning. Fire crews arrived on the scene to a report of smoke in an upstairs bedroom of a two stories, wood frame, rental house. Crews had the fire under control at 0726 hours and stayed on scene for 2 hours. Fire damage was limited to a box fan and mattress. There was smoke throughout the house.

One adult female was transported by METS to the hospital. 5 Joplin Fire units and 20 Joplin Fire personnel responded, as well as JPD and METS. The American Red Cross was called to assist the family.

The home is rented by Theo Catlin and owned by Bob Baldwin. There were 8 family members in the house at the time of the fire.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

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