MEDIA ALERT

For Immediate Release
September 15, 2013
Joplin Fire Department

Structure Fire, 601 Main Street, Joplin, Mo.

The Joplin Fire Department responded to a residential structure fire at 601 Main Street, the Frisco Station Apartments Building. Time of call was 1915 hours on Sunday evening, 15 September. Fire crews arrived on the scene at 1917 hours to find smoke and flame coming from apartment #702 on the 7th floor. Crews evacuated residents on the 7th floor and then extinguished the fire in short time, ventilating the smoke. The fire was declared under control at 1924 hours and out at 1931 hours.

6 Joplin Fire units and 18 Joplin Fire personnel responded, along with the JPD, and METS and the American Red Cross. There was one minor injury due to a superficial burn. The patient was not transported. The apartment was occupied by Lorenzo Sanford.

The main source of the fire was a mattress. The cause is currently under investigation by the Joplin Fire Marshall. It is important to note that the sprinkler system activated as it is designed to do, thus immediately putting water directly on the source of the fire and greatly reducing the potential damage. There was some smoke damage to nearby apartments, plus extensive water damage to apartments directly below #702.

Keith Stammer
Public Information Officer
Joplin Fire Department