MEDIA ALERT

For Immediate Release
November 21, 2013
Joplin Fire Department

Structure Fire, 117 S Byers, Joplin, Mo.

The Joplin Fire Department responded to a reported Structure fire at 117 S Byers at 5:11 PM Thursday, November 21, 2013. Fire crews arrived on the scene at 5:14 PM to find a 2 story wood frame apartment complex with nothing showing. Bystanders said there was smoke coming from the basement. Crews forced entry into the basement and extinguished a small fire. Smoke was then cleared from the building using a ventilation fan.

Crews stayed on scene until 6:33 PM. The house is owned by David Cary..

6 fire vehicles and 19 firefighters responded to the scene, along with JPD. There were no injuries at the scene.

The cause of the fire was determined to be improper maintenance of a floor furnace.

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