MEDIA ALERT

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Joplin Fire Department

Structure Fire, 1216 E Central, Joplin, Mo.

The Joplin Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire at 1216 E Central at 7:45 AM Sunday, November 24, 2013. Fire crews arrived on the scene at 7:48 AM to find smoke showing from the roof of a single family dwelling. All occupants were out of the house and stated the fire was in the back part of the attic. Access to the fire was made difficult by the presence of a second roof over the drop ceiling. There was extensive fire, smoke and water damage to the house, to the point of being unlivable. The fire was called under control at 8:26 AM and out at 9:31 AM. Crews stayed on scene until 12:45 PM.

The house is owned by Larry Hunt and occupied by Mr. John Jordan.

5 fire vehicles and 17 firefighters responded to the scene, along with JPD, and METS. The ARC was also on scene for the displaced family. There were no injuries at the scene.

The cause of the fire was determined to be an electrical short in the attic.

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