MEDIA ALERT

For Immediate Release
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Joplin Fire Department

Structure Fire, 529 North Sergeant, Joplin, Mo.

The Joplin Fire Department responded to a reported Structure fire at 529 North Sergeant Ave. at 15:45 pm Friday November 29, 2013. Fire crews arrived on the scene at 15:48 pm to find heavy fire and smoke conditions from the back porch area of the single story, single family residential structure. The single family home at 531 North Sergeant also sustained fire damage from the radiant heat of the fire at 529.

The fire was declared under control at 16:45 pm and declared out at 16:59 pm. Fire and smoke damage was heavy in nature to the back porch area of the home at 529 and that home is uninhabitable. The home at 531 sustained only light fire damage to the exterior of the home.

The home at 529 N. Sergeant is owned and occupied by Rebecca Newton and the home at 531 N. Sergeant was owned July Zerkel and occupied by Pam Amos. Both homes were occupied at the time of the fire.

No injuries were reported to either the occupants of the homes or Fire Personnel. 6 Joplin Fire units and 19 Joplin Fire personnel responded.

The cause of the fire is currently being investigated.

Mitch Randles
Fire Chief
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