MEDIA ALERT

For Immediate Release

November 30, 2013
Joplin Fire Department

Structure Fire, 712 W 20th Street, Joplin, Mo.

The Joplin Fire Department responded to a reported Structure Fire at 712 W 20th Street at 2:34 PM Saturday, November 30 2013. Fire crews arrived on the scene at 2:38 PM to find heavy smoke coming from a kitchen exhaust vent. The building is known as Mary Lee's Café.

The fire was declared under control at 2:46 PM and declared out at 2:52 PM. The restaurant sustained heavy smoke damage but minimal fire and water damage.

The building is owned by Janice Tusinger and operated by Kenneth Meistad.

No injuries were reported to either the occupants of the homes or Fire Personnel. 6 Joplin Fire units and 19 Joplin Fire personnel responded. JPD blocked 20th street during fire operations and METS stood by if needed.

The cause of the fire is currently being investigated.

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