

KEARNEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
MEDIA RELEASE

Date of Fire: 14 January 2024 Alarm Time: 03:29 Under Control: 08:13
Location of Fire: 1212 B Avenue Type of Emergency: Structure Fire
Possible Cause: Under Investigation Number of Firefighters: 27
Number Type of Trucks: 2 Engines, 1 Aerial, and 3 Utility Vehicles
Occupant: _____
Owner: _____ Address: _____

Does residence have a smoke alarm(s)? Yes No Unknown Not Applicable

Was the smoke alarm(s) working? Yes No Unknown Not Applicable

If no, reason smoke alarm(s) were not working: Battery Dead Battery missing or disconnected

Hardwired detector unplugged or shut off Fire too small to activate detector Other

Details: The Kearney Volunteer Fire Department (KVFD) was dispatched to a report of smoke coming from a residence at 1212 B Avenue at 03:29 this morning. Prior to the arrival of KVFD, a Kearney Police Officer advised that there was heavy smoke coming from the structure and a window had broken. Dispatch also advised that they could not confirm if there were occupants in the home or not. Upon arrival, KVFD initiated fire attack and a primary search of the structure. A short time later, firefighters located and removed one occupant from the structure. CHI Good Samaritan EMS received the patient just outside of the structure and began a patient assessment. The occupant, an adult female, was pronounced deceased a short time thereafter. KVFD members continued fire attack and a search of the structure. The fire was extinguished and no additional occupants were located during the search. KVFD was assisted by Gibbon Volunteer Fire Department, Kearney Police Department, Nebraska Public Power District and Northwestern Energy. The Nebraska State Fire Marshal was called to assist KVFD with the origin and cause investigation. The fire remains under investigation. However, the initial investigation indicates the fire was accidental and caused by an electrical event inside of the structure. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of the victim.