

Missoula Fire Department

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Informational Release - For Immediate Broadcast

To: All Media Outlets

From: Dave Wolter, Battalion Chief Missoula Fire Department

Re: Residential Structure Fire

Date: 10/9/21

Location: 425 S. 5th W

Time of call: 2:48 pm

Number of units: 3 Engines, 1 Ladder Truck and one Command Vehicle

Number of Firefighters: 13

Fatalities/Injuries: Two Cats were removed but did not survive

Property Damage: \$75000

Property Saved: \$500000

Additional Information: At 2:48 pm, the Missoula Fire Department was dispatched to the report of a structure fire at 425 S 5th W. 3 engines, 1 ladder truck and a command vehicle responded. First arriving crews found a three story residence with heavy fire showing out the rear of the structure. Crews made contact with home owner who advised everyone was out of the house but two cats were still inside.

Crews made a quick knockdown of the fire and began a search of the house. Both cats were located but were unable to be revived.

Fire damage was limited to the first floor and extensive smoke damage was throughout the house.

Missoula Fire Department investigators were on scene determining the cause.

Missoula Emergency Services, Missoula Police Department and Northwestern Energy also responded and assisted the Fire dept.

For further information please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at our Headquarters Station (406) 552-6210 during normal business hours Mon-Fri 08:00-17:00

SAFETY MESSAGE*

Please make sure you have a working smoke detector on every level of your home.