



## Johnson County Fire Protection District

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - Monday, July 24, 2017**

#### **Crews Battle Residential Blaze**

JOHNSON COUNTY, MO – At 10:10 PM on Sunday, July 23, 2017, Johnson County Fire Protection District's Stations 2 (Leeton), 9 (Cornelia) and 10 (Warrensburg) were dispatched to a residential structure fire with flames seen from the exterior of the structure in the 700 block of SE 251 Road in rural Johnson County; approximately five miles north of Leeton. Station 1 (Warrensburg/Headquarters) later responded to assist.

When personnel arrived they located a single story residence with extensive fire involvement on the exterior and on the roof and in attic areas of the structure. An attached garage had already burned to the ground. Access to the scene was hindered by a live power line which fell across the roadway at the residence prior to crews arriving.

Personnel began an aggressive fire attack, including roof operations, but were unable to extinguish the fire. After four hours of fire attack, the residence was determined to be unsalvageable and fire attack was halted for firefighter safety.

Four JCFPD firefighters were injured while fighting the fire. Three were treated and released on scene for heat related injuries. One firefighter was treated and released at a local hospital for a back injury. No citizens were injured during the fire.

The cause of the fire was undetermined.