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NEWS RELEASE – Monday, April 15, 2024

Residents Escape Wind-Driven House Fire

JOHNSON COUNTY, MO – Two residents escaped an early afternoon house fire today with no injuries. District staff were notified of a basement fire in the 200 block of NE Division Road, just outside of the city of Warrensburg. The residents discovered the fire shortly after noon and were able to safely evacuate their home with one of their dogs. Regrettably, one of their dogs perished in the fire. As fire units arrived, the fire was rapidly spreading throughout the residence.

Personnel from three District stations along with assistance from the Warrensburg Fire Department battled the wind-accelerated blaze throughout the afternoon. The residence was a complete loss. Crews were also assisted at the scene by the Johnson County Ambulance District and Johnson County Volunteer Fire Auxiliary. The American Red Cross provided assistance to the residents.

The fire was investigated by the Missouri State Fire Marshal with assistance from the Johnson County Fire Investigation Unit consisting of investigators from the District, Warrensburg Fire Department and University of Central Missouri Department of Public Safety. The cause of the fire was undetermined.

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