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Crews Battle Fire in Downtown Chilhowee

CHILHOWEE, MO – At 3:13 PM on Sunday, September 25, 2016, Johnson County Fire Protection District's Stations 3 (Chilhowee), 9 (Cornelia) and 10 (Warrensburg) were dispatched to a commercial structure fire at the intersection of Walnut Street and Pennsylvania Avenue in downtown Chilhowee. While responding, personnel were informed the fire had spread to a second commercial structure.

Personnel arrived to find extensive fire involvement in two multi-story historic commercial structures. Crews immediately began an exterior defensive fire attack to keep the fire from spreading to a third attached commercial structure.

JCFPD received assistance from Johnson County Fire Protection District #2, Warrensburg Fire Department, Holden Fire Department and Urich Fire Department. Warrensburg Fire Department responded with their ladder truck.

Water was used from the local Chilhowee water supply and was also shuttled to the scene. Over 200,000 gallons of water was used to extinguish the fire. Crews gained control of the fire at 10:28 PM and remained on scene until 12:16 AM Monday morning.

One building involved was the recently closed Chilhowee Grocery, LLC. The second building was used for storage. Both buildings were a total loss.

At 3:08 AM on Monday, September 26, 2016, JCFPD Stations 3, 9 and 10 were dispatched again to downtown Chilhowee as the fire in the two buildings rekindled. Crews extinguished the remaining fire and cleared the scene in Chilhowee at 5:53 AM.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.