

KEARNEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
MEDIA RELEASE

Date of Fire 18 March 2024 Alarm Time 22:00 Under Control 22:20
Location of Fire 1202 E. 26th Street Type of Emergency Equipment Fire
Possible Cause Electrical Number of Firefighters 30
Number Type of Trucks 2 Engines, 1 Ladder, & 1 Tanker
Occupant _____

Owner: City of Kearney – Utilities Department 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 structure fire at the City of Kearney Utilities Warehouse located at 1202 East 26th Street. While enroute, Dispatch advised that there was a piece of equipment that was on fire inside the building and possible spreading to the structure. Upon arrival, KVFD crews found smoke coming from the rear of the building. KVFD crews made entry and found a skid loader on fire. The fire was extinguished and crews checked the structure for extension of the fire. The fire was confined to the skid loader and did not extend to the structure. The State Fire Marshal was contacted to assist with the origin and cause investigation. The cause of the fire was determined to be an electrical short in the engine compartment of the skid steer. Other agencies involved were Kearney Police Department and CHI Good Samaritan EMS. No disruption of water services are expected for citizens as a result of this fire.