

**KEARNEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**MEDIA RELEASE**

Date of Fire June 17, 2025 Alarm Time 03:31 Under Control 04:20  
Location of Fire 1822 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Type of Emergency Structure Fire  
Possible Cause Under Investigation Number of Firefighters 33  
Number Type of Trucks 2 Engines, 1 Ladder, & 1 Utility  
Occupant \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ 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 1822 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue for a report of a structure fire. Upon arrival, KVFD observed fire on the backside of the home. KVFD fire crews quickly initiated a fire attack on the exterior of the home where the bulk of the fire was located. Crews also entered the structure and completed a primary search to confirm that all occupants were out of the home. KVFD found extension into the second-floor bedroom of the home, which was extinguished. The State Fire Marshal was requested to assist with the fire origin and cause investigation. The cause remains under investigation, but the preliminary investigation results indicate the fire was accidental and was caused by an ember(s) from a fire pit. Other agencies assisting at the scene were the Kearney Police Department, Buffalo County Sheriff's Office, CHI Good Samaritan EMS, NPPD & Northwestern Energy. No injuries were reported.