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# News Release

## Fire-EMS Department responds to grass, car and structure fires

*Sleeth Addition home loss estimated at \$20K; passenger vehicle a total loss*

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (April 6, 2021) — The Arkansas City Fire-EMS Department responded to four separate fires in the past three days, with multiple buildings and at least one vehicle declared as losses.

In the first incident, ACFD was dispatched at 12:10 p.m. Sunday to 7196 252<sup>nd</sup> Road for a report of a grass fire. Crews found approximately 10 acres of grass on fire and, due to high winds, a metal outbuilding and two trailers also were ignited. One southbound lane of U.S. 77 was shut down temporarily due to the smoky conditions. Crews were able to get the fire under control within 30 minutes.

The monetary loss of the structure, contents and both trailers was estimated at \$9,000. The fire was determined to have been caused by an ember from a previously controlled fire the night before. The Winfield Fire-EMS Department assisted ACFD and Udall Fire Department responded, but disregarded.

In the second incident, ACFD was dispatched at 6:30 a.m. Monday to the 2000 block of 282<sup>nd</sup> Road in Arkansas City for a report of a vehicle fire. Crews found an abandoned Saturn-type passenger car that was fully involved. The vehicle was deemed a total loss and the cause of the fire is under investigation.

In the third incident, ACFD was dispatched at 10:12 p.m. Monday to the area of 252<sup>nd</sup> and 111<sup>th</sup> roads, northeast of Arkansas City, for a fire investigation. Crews arrived on scene to find an abandoned house on fire and burned almost to the ground. The structure was allowed to continue to burn. The cause of fire remains unknown. Once ACFD arrived on scene and assessed the situation, responding crews from the Udall and Winfield fire departments were asked to disregard the call.

In the fourth and final incident, ACFD was dispatched at 9 a.m. today to 1227 South L St. in Sleeth Addition for a report of a house fire. Crews found heavy fire and smoke conditions when they arrived. No one was inside at the home at the time, but two dogs perished in the fire. It took crews almost an hour and a half to bring the structure fire under control. A monetary loss of the structure and its contents is estimated at \$20,000. The cause of the fire is under investigation. Both the Winfield Fire-EMS Department and the Udall Fire Department assisted ACFD in bringing the fire under control.

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