



# Jefferson City Fire Department

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Jefferson City Missouri

Today's date at 1438 hours the Jefferson City Fire Department responded for a reported structure fire in the 800 block of Washington Street.

First arriving crews reported heavy smoke coming from the basement apartment of a two and one half story apartment building. Jefferson City Police officers on the scene reported that all occupants had been accounted for, but there were pets still located inside at least one of the apartments.

Firefighters made entry into the lower level apartment and quickly extinguished the fire that had originated in the kitchen. A primary search was completed of all apartments, locating one dog and one large bird in separate apartments. Both were removed without injury and are doing well.

There were a total of seven tenets in the apartment building, with three apartments occupied at the time of the fire. The American Red Cross is assisting with temporary needs of those in need.

Investigation into the origin and cause of the fire has determined that the fire originated in the kitchen and caused by unattended cooking. There were smoke detectors located in the fire apartment but none were working upon the fire department arrival.

The Jefferson City Fire Department would encourage everyone to check your smoke detectors and practice a fire evacuation. Remember "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!" as the theme for Fire Prevention Week last year [LINK](#)

A total of 14 fire suppression personnel and three chief officers responded for this incident. The estimated loss is \$35,000.

We would like to thank the Jefferson City Police Department, Jefferson City Animal Control, American Red Cross and Cole County EMS for their assistance.

Please contact the office of the Assistant Fire Chief at 573-634-6405 with any further questions regarding this incident.