

Sunday afternoon fire in downtown Wathena





Credit: Tanner Veach

(MSC News)--Firefighters from multiple agencies battled a structure fire in downtown Wathena Sunday afternoon.

The fire was reported around 12:30 at a vacant building located in the 300 block of Main Street.

KQ2-TV reports the building was destroyed while adjacent businesses sustained significant smoke and water damage.

Multiple people were evacuated from apartments located on top of one of the structure's neighboring buildings. The Red Cross was assisting the occupants displaced by the fire.

No injuries were reported.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Firefighters from Elwood, Wathena, Troy, St. Joseph and Rosecrans battled the blaze for several hours.

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