PRESS RELEASE

SEDALIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Date: 3/2/2021

Time: 0900

Location/Address: 101 S. Washington

Incident Type: Structure Fire

INFO: At approx. 0433 this morning a structure fire was reported at the building located at 101 W. Washington, in Sedalia. This building, currently housed a auto body repair shop and one other business. First crews on scene with in 4 min found the building full involved. The building covered approx. a ½ block area, is a total loss, along with damage to a 2 story house to the S and a roof fire to an old RR freight building to the north. Crew were able to extinguish the fire in the freight building in about 20 min. Off duty Sedalia FD personnel were recalled as well as Mutual Aid from Pettis County Fire District. Approx. 45 firefighters and 13 pieces of apparatus were on scene. As of 0900 PCFD crews were being released and off duty SFD personnel were also clearing the scene. Fire Crews will remain on the scene for some time to overhaul hotspots. Also lost in the fire were 14 cars, 1 RV Motorhome, 2 forklifts and a skid steer machine in the building. AT this time no determination of cause has been made and investigation will be difficult due to the amount of damage. Persons inside the building at the time of the alarm stated that they looked up and saw fire running above their heads in the roof as they left the building. Neighbors stated when they heard sirens and looked outside they saw the entire building on fire as well.

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