

Missoula Fire Department

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From: Kip Knapstad, Battalion Chief
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Re: Structure Fire- 424 N. Higgins Ave.

Date: May10, 2013

Missoula City Fire Department was dispatched to a structure fire at 424 N. Higgins at 10:11 this morning. Three engine companies, one ladder truck and the on-duty Battalion Chief responded, along with City PD units and an ambulance from Missoula Emergency Services.

On arrival, firefighters found smoke coming from the basement of Flathead Lake Brewing Company. Fire crews entered the basement from the alley and quickly knocked down the fire. The area of origin was checked for fire extension and smoke fans were used to evacuate the smoke through out the three story building. The Assistant Fire Marshall and two Inspectors determined the fire cause to be a discarded cigarette.

There were no injuries and damage is estimated at \$2,000.

Further questions should be directed to the Fire Prevention Bureau at 552-6210.