



City of Lawrence
Douglas County
FIRE MEDICAL

Media Release
University of Kansas
Malott Hall
1251 Wescoe Hall Dr.

For Immediate Release: Saturday, November 26, 2011

Media Release-Update

LAWRENCE, KS – On November 26, 2011 Lawrence- Douglas County Fire and Medical responded to an incident in a 5th floor laboratory at Malott Hall on the University of Kansas campus after an initial building fire alarm was received at 7:17am. Additional information from dispatch was relayed to the responding crew of 5 heat indicator detectors were being transmitted. The incident was upgraded to a structure fire.

First arriving crew members entered the structure and confirmed a working structure fire and a 2nd alarm was requested. Heavy smoke and fire was discovered and confined to a single laboratory. A subsequent 3rd alarm was requested for additional resources and due to the potential presence of unknown chemical hazards. Fire crews completed extinguishment and after the building was safe to enter, personnel from KU Facilities Operations and Environmental Health and Safety were allowed to enter to assess damages and initiate a clean up process.

During the response at Malott Hall, assistance in the city was provided by Olathe Fire Department, Lenexa Fire Department and Johnson County Med-Act.

There were no injuries to fire department personnel and the building was vacant at the time of the fire.

At the time of this release, members from KU Public Safety and Lawrence Douglas County Fire Medical are in the initial phases of determining cause and estimate of damages from the fire.

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