

Humboldt fire claims one life

(KLZA)--A Humboldt fire claimed the life of one individual Thursday morning.

According to the Humboldt Volunteer Fire Department they were dispatched to a structure fire at 1055 7th street in Humboldt at 4:23 Thursday morning. When the fire department arrived the structure was fully engulfed in flames.

Initial reports pointed to a wood fired furnace used to melt aluminum scrap as late as 3:00 Thursday morning, Melting temperature of aluminum is 1221 degrees. Most likely the furnace was operating above the temperature capacity of the wood burning unit and the flue.

The Dawson and Stella Fire Departments assisted at the scene and two Nebraska State Fire Marshall's investigators were on site.

Embers also ignited a garage roof 2 blocks south of the initial fire. One of the units left the primary scene to extinguish that fire. The name of the individual who died in the fire has not been released.

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