



**FIRE DEPARTMENT
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ATHENS FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDS TO A BUILDING COLLAPSE

ATHENS, TENNESSEE – January 24, 2024 – The Athens Fire and Police Departments responded to a dispatch from E-911 for a building collapse located at 1416 Railroad Avenue.

Upon arrival of the Fire and Police Departments, it was confirmed that the front of the building had collapsed, littering the roadway with bricks and debris. It was established that no one was inside the building at the time of collapse. AUB was notified and all utilities were controlled. There were no injuries. Minor damage was caused to the adjacent building. Units on scene determined the collapse was most likely weather and age related. Both the tenant and landlord were notified, and the building was turned over to them.

For more information, please contact Fire Chief Brandon Ainsworth at 423-744-2789 or bainsworth@athenstn.gov.