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The Coffeyville Fire Department responded to SEK Grain at 128 E. 8th Street at approximately 9 a.m. Wednesday, October 8, for a report of smoke coming from the top floor of the grain elevator. Ladder 1 and Engine 2 were dispatched to the scene. Upon arrival, firefighters found light smoke coming from the top floor elevator door.

“To gain access, firefighters had to climb approximately 125 feet of ladders to reach the top of the elevator,” said Fire Captain Kent Bastian. “Once at the top of the elevator they had to climb another 50 feet of ladders to reach the fire floor and gain access into the building,” Bastian said. Firefighters rigged a rope haul system to raise and lower equipment needed to fight the fire.

Once entry was made, firefighters encountered heavy smoke conditions and windows were opened for ventilation. The cause of the fire was determined to be electric equipment which overheated. Thirteen fire personnel assisted with the grain elevator fire. South Coffeyville Fire Department was called to man the Coffeyville station, and they responded to one call of unauthorized burning. There were no injuries reported.