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MARION COUNTY COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE FIRE UNDER INVESTIGATION

ATLANTA – On January 28, the Marion County Fire Department was dispatched to East 6th Avenue in Buena Vista, Georgia, for a commercial structure fire involving three businesses. Two businesses were completely destroyed in the fire while the other suffered major damages.

The building housing Baxter Paint Center, located at 117 East 6th Avenue, was approximately 120 years old and 2,400 square feet in size at the time of the fire. The building housing Buena Vista Floral & Gift Shop, located at 115 East 6th Avenue, was approximately 120 years old and 1,840 square feet in size at the time of the fire. The building housing MTM Accounting Services, located at 113 East 6th Avenue, was approximately 73 years old and 702 square feet in size at the time of the fire.

“Unfortunately, the exterior walls in the buildings housing Baxter Paint Center and Buena Vista Floral & Gift Shop had to be knocked down due to the severity of the damages they suffered. The building housing MTM Accounting Services also suffered severe damages, but is still standing,” said Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King. “Due to the amount of destruction the fire caused, we are not yet able to determine a cause. No foul play is suspected at this time.”

Due to the gravity of the situation, several fire departments from surrounding counties were also called in to assist with containing the fire. Fire Departments from Marion County, Chattahoochee County, Webster County, Sumter County, Schley County, and Talbot County were all on scene. Investigators with the Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner’s Office will continue to assist the Marion County Fire Department to determine the cause of the fire.



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