

Press Release

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Incident: On March 22, 2021 at approximately 10:53 AM, the Sycamore Fire Department was dispatched to 1340 DeKalb Avenue (Walgreens) for a report of smoke in the building. Upon arrival, the Fire Department found the store been evacuated and encountered moderate smoke conditions in the store. Heavy smoke was found to be emanating from a restroom in the rear employee area of the store. Sycamore Fire Crews quickly extinguished the fire and conducted ventilation and overhaul operations for approximately 30 minutes.

The fire is suspected to have originated in an exhaust fan in the restroom. The estimated direct damages and loss from the fire are estimated to be approximately \$5,000.00. This estimate does not include lost business costs, clean-up costs or the cost of damaged merchandise. The cause of the fire is currently listed as undetermined pending further investigation but was likely accidental in nature.

The Sycamore Fire Department was assisted by the Sycamore Police Department, Sycamore Community Development Department and the DeKalb County Health Department.

There were no reported injuries to customers, employees or firefighters.