

Falls City downtown fire draws response



(KLZA)--A fire causing significant damage in downtown Falls City Wednesday is under control according to Falls City fire officials.

The fire apparently started in the building housing Petrillo's Mexican Restaurant in the 1500 block of Stone Street. Firefighters responded to the scene around 9:00 a.m. and will likely be on the scene through the night watching for flare-ups.

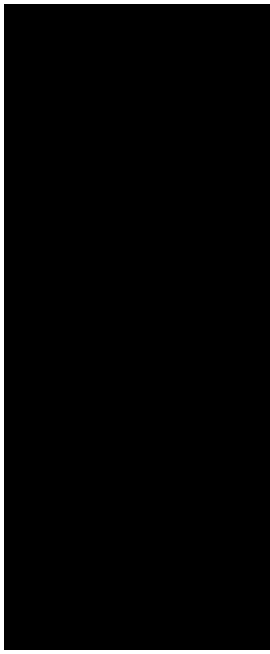
There have been no reports of injuries in connection with the fire, including to firefighters who braved temperatures in the teens, heavy black smoke and slippery conditions while fighting the fire.

Significant smoke and water damage was done to attached buildings including Chaney Furniture on the east side of Stone Street, the H & R block building and a building at the north end of the block housing offices and second floor apartments.

A number of businesses were closed on the east side of Stone Street when power was shut off due to the fire while others were closed down due to the heavy smoke that could be viewed from miles away.

The State Fire Marshall will investigate the cause of the fire.

Falls City firefighters were assisted by the Falls City Rural, Hiawatha, Rulo and Verdon fire departments.



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