



PRESS RELEASE TOMBALL FIRE DEPARTMENT

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**Re: Commercial Building Fire
27700 Block Tomball Parkway, Tomball Texas**

On January 12, 2010 at approximately 6:00pm, the Tomball Fire Department responded to a fire at Celaya Meat Market #10 located at 27722 Tomball Parkway. Upon arrival fire crews found flames and heavy smoke conditions inside the rear of the building. Firefighters extinguished the fire and conducted a search of the building. Fire damage was confined to the rear of the meat market and the roof system over the fire area. The rest of the meat market received heat, smoke and water damage. Two other suites in this building as well as suites in the neighboring building received smoke damage due to a common roof and attic system. There were no injuries reported.

The Tomball Fire Department was assisted by Magnolia, Rosehill, Cypress Creek, Ponderosa, and Klein Fire Departments. NWEMS responded in the event of a firefighter or customer were injured and the Tomball Police Department assisted with evacuation of adjoining occupancies, scene control and traffic control.

Tomball Fire Marshal, Doug Sanguedolce and Fire Investigator Tommy Nicholson were called to the scene to investigate the origin and cause of the fire. A brief interview with a worker in the meat market revealed that a large pot of cooking grease was left unattended in the kitchen. The worker returned, discovered the fire and unsuccessfully attempted to extinguish it. The worker then dialed 9-1-1 and all occupants were able to safely evacuate the building.

This fire continues to be under investigation by the Tomball Fire Marshal's Office to determine the exact cause of the fire.