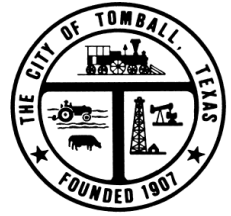


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### Structure Fire – Apparent Murder - Suicide

On Sunday, January 09, 2011, at approximately 1933hrs, Tomball Police Officers, Firefighters, and Paramedics from Northwest EMS responded to a 911 call regarding an explosion that had just occurred in the Spring Creek Estates subdivision. Upon arrival, first responders observed a single family dwelling located at 29503 Orchard Grove fully involved in flames.

Fire crews from Tomball, Magnolia, Klein, Cypress Creek and Rosehill Fire Department began to aggressively contain the fire, preventing it from spreading to nearby residences.

Members of the Tomball Fire Marshall's Office and the Tomball Police Department have been jointly investigating this incident, which has been determined to be an act of arson. As part of the investigation there have been significant search and evidence recovery efforts as well as a concurrent missing persons' investigation.

On January 11, 2011, the remains of an unidentified victim were discovered and turned over to the Harris County Medical Examiner's Office. Search of the residence resumed today at daybreak, and a second body was discovered at approximately 10:00am.

While autopsy results are still pending, it is apparent that the deaths and fire were a result of a murder – suicide.