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NEW INFORMATION REVEALS DETAILS ABOUT COUNTY FACILITY FIRE

Immediate Release

MARION COUNTY, Fla. (Jan. 4, 2010) – According to the Florida State Fire Marshal’s Office, today’s early morning structure fire inside a county facility appears to have started in an electrical control panel in the southwest portion of the building. However, investigators are still working to determine the cause of the fire. Nothing indicates that the fire was weather related.

When Marion firefighters arrived on scene at Water Plant C, a Marion County Utilities building in Silver Springs Shores (15 Oak Terrace, Ocala), they found the approximately 1,000 square feet commercial structure fully engulfed in flames with the roof collapsed. Reports of chlorine inside the building led Marion County Fire Rescue’s Hazmat team to also respond. Technicians continued to monitor the facility for chlorine release while crews extinguished the fire. The building was not occupied at the time of the fire.

Marion County Utilities will rebuild the destroyed building and doesn’t expect any interruption in service to citizens. The water treatment plant is one of two primary pumping facilities in the Silver Springs area.

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