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FIRE AT LARGE GROCERY DISTRIBUTION CENTER EXTINGUISHED

Immediate Release

MARION COUNTY, Fla. (March 11, 2009) – Firefighters from five Marion County Fire Rescue (MCFR) stations responded to Associated Grocers of Florida, Inc. (6045 SE 83rd Street) at 10:19 a.m. to a report of a commercial structure fire. Upon arrival at 10:24 a.m., firefighters saw light smoke coming from a back section of the grocery distribution facility.

Firefighters entered the building and contained the fire to a bathroom and attic space, preventing it from spreading to other areas of the facility. An operations manager at the company said a faulty ventilation fan may have started the fire in the bathroom.

Six painters working in that section of the building were temporarily evacuated. No other employees needed to evacuate, and no one reported injuries. MCFR dispatchers received both a 9-1-1 call reporting the fire and a call from the grocer's fire alarm company.

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