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## Fire causes store evacuation

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Employees and customers of the local WalMart were evacuated Sunday afternoon when the fire alarms started.

At about 3:15 p.m. fire, ambulance and police members responded to the call at the large box store.

Deputy fire chief Troy Dufort said there was a small fire that was burning outside the seasonal area when they arrived.

"It was contained in that area with a sprinkler system," he said.

The public was kept away from the north side of the building where emergency crews were working.

There were no injuries as a result of the fire. Dufort said there was some fire damage to the stock outside the building as well as some water damage to the outside of the building.

At press time, Dufort did not have any estimates as to the amount of damage caused by the fire.

Staff members waited outside the store for a little over an hour so the fire could be put out and the building's fire system could be reset.

"Alarms were going off in the store, nobody was allowed in the store until the system was reset," said Dufort.

Even though the fire was small, Dufort said the reason it was small was that it was contained by the sprinkler system.

"It would have been a lot greater damage had the sprinklers not gone off," said Dufort.

"Sprinklers save lives and they save property."

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