

Press Release
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Fire in Downtown Richland Center

Richland Center Fire Chief Bob Bindl announced that the Richland Center Fire Department received a call at 4:41am this morning to respond to a downtown fire. No injuries have been reported, but 4 apartments and 3 businesses have been affected. The Music Shop, The Frame Corner, and The Palace Barber Shop received significant damage.

The Red Cross has been called in to assist the 5 individuals that have been displaced from the 4 apartments which were located above the downtown businesses.

The Richland Center, Muscoda, Spring Green, and Lone Rock Fire Departments responded to the fire, as well as Richland County Emergency Management, Richland County Sheriff's Department, Richland Center Police Department, and the Richland Center Street and Utilities Departments.

All downtown businesses are open excluding those affected by the fire. The city block on Court Street remains closed at this time as they continue working on clean-up operations.

No cause has been determined. The Richland Center Fire Department and Richland Center Police Department have requested assistance from the State Fire Marshall.

Mayor Larry Fowler announced "this is a sad day for Richland Center. The fire this morning has left a big void in our downtown. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to all those touched by the fire."

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