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PRESS RELEASE

On 07-30-13, at approximately 12:04 AM, the City of Palmer Emergency Dispatch Center received a 911 call reporting a fire at the old Matanuska Maid Power Plant (a concrete block building) located near the water tower on the old Mat-Maid property. Palmer Police responded and pushed the door open to see flames inside. Palmer Fire & Rescue arrived and extinguished the flames.

The Division of Fire and Life Safety, Anchorage Office, was notified by Palmer Fire & Rescue. A Deputy Fire Marshal responded to conduct an origin and cause investigation.

The Fire Marshal's investigation revealed that numerous signs of trespassing were located at the interior and exterior of the structure and numerous tea candles were located throughout the building. The fire started on the floor of a mezzanine located on the Westside of the structure. At least one tea candle was located in the area of origin. Electrical, mechanical, and natural causes have been ruled out. Currently the intent of the fire is unclear, leaving the cause to be accidental or intentional. The current cause of the fire is listed as undetermined.

The investigation is ongoing.