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Propane Tank Causes Explosion at Former Walmart Building –

The Coffeyville Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire at 1705 West 11th Street on Friday, October 28. The fire was caused by a propane tank which exploded inside the former Walmart building. There were no injuries reported.

Upon arrival, light smoke was seen coming from the north and west doors, and the fire was quickly contained to a machine used to remove floor tiles. Following an investigation, it was determined the fire started in the machine engine and moved to a propane tank holding approximately 20 gallons of propane mounted on top of the machine.

The propane tank ignited and ruptured causing damage to the ceiling tiles, light fixtures, an east side wall and knocked the north side door off its hinges. The explosion caused approximately \$3,000 damage to the machine and \$5,000 to the structure which is owned by Best Storage, Houston, Texas.