
From: Schimsa, Rebecca
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 3:54 PM
To: Haley, Nikki; Patel, Swati; Pisarik, Holly; Godfrey, Rob
Subject: RE: EMD Alert - Darlington Building Fire

Final Update:

A structural engineer has cleared the building for occupancy; cleaning crew will work through the night to correct the smoke damage; the courthouse will resume normal operation starting tomorrow, Tuesday, at 0800.

From: Schimsa, Rebecca
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Latest info:

The vehicle hit the corner of the building at a high rate of speed and the driver of the vehicle is deceased. The fire did damage the outside of the building and in the first and second floor. The building also has smoke damage. SLED is enroute (probably there by now) and SC/HP MAIT Team is also assisting the investigation. When they are finished investigating they will extricate the driver. Actual address is [#1 Public Square, Darlington, SC](#). Operational status of county business in the building is not known at this time. No other state assistance needed.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 18, 2016, at 7:12 AM, Schimsa, Rebecca <RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

See below from EMD this morning.

Just FYI- this is a big event for Darlington County. We still do not know if this was intentional or not, but the building is in very poor condition at this time. The driver was pronounced deceased on scene. No additional state assistance has been requested at this time.

At 05:34, Mike McDonald, County Director called and reported that a vehicle struck the main courthouse in that county and was on fire. He did not give me an address yet. They do have fire on scene and they have requested SLED to come out to investigate in case if it was accidental or intentional. They have been no reports of injuries or fatalities. He also reported that the structural integrity may be bad at this time. He did want the REM's and the EMD/DO be contacted immediately.