

ATF Investigates Church Fire in Pa.

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WILKINSBURG, Penn., Feb. 24, 2007 -- At approximately 11:00 a.m. ET firefighters from the city of Wilkesburg, Pennsylvania were dispatched to the Covenant Orthodox Presbyterian Church along Graham Blvd. Eyewitness accounts involved smoking coming from the structure.

With temperatures in the 20's and a heavy wooden infrastructure, Wilkesburg crews quickly called for additional help. Firefighters from the City of Pittsburgh provided the additional assistance.

The fire appears to have started in a below-grade social hall. It apparently spread quickly into the church. Clouds of thick, black smoke could be seen for miles. The cause of the fire is under investigation by several agencies, including ATF since it involves a church.



EDITOR'S NOTE: Markowitz will provide follow-up coverage on the Wilkesburg fire as new info becomes available.