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KNOXVILLE, TN. Knoxville-based general contractor Denark-Smith, Inc. reports this morning that they expect to be ready for business Monday morning, following a Friday night fire at their Western Avenue headquarters.

Frank Rothermel, company president, reported, "Although one end of our building was very badly damaged, we will move those functions into temporary space and continue servicing our clients. We intend to make this a non-issue in terms of service."

We are grateful for the outpouring of concern and offers of help from friends and business associates," said Raja Jubran, CEO. "We are just relieved that no one was hurt. The building can be repaired."

No cause of the fire, which was reported at 9:15 p.m. Friday, has been determined. There was no one in the building at the time of the fire.