

**<strong>Fire guts Mexican restaurant early Monday</strong>****Slug:** LANNWS-06-14-23 MARIACHI FIRE**Print depth:** 11.37 (1694 characters)**Start date/time:** Jun 12, 2023 05:13 PM**Section tags:** nc-lan  
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A fire broke out at Mariachis Mexican Restaurant early Monday morning, damaging a large portion of the Lancaster restaurant.

The cause of the June 12 fire is unknown. The front half of the establishment seems unscathed by the flames, but the back half has severe fire and structural damage.

“The call came in around 2:25 a.m. and the first truck arrived on scene at 2:30, and they reported fire coming from the roof, out the roof, initially when they got on scene,” said Lancaster Deputy Fire Chief David Melton.

He said no one was in the restaurant at the time of the fire, and there were no reported injuries.

Erin Tindal with the Lancaster Police Department said the fire service is investigating to determine the cause of the fire, and the case is still under investigation. Neither the police nor the Lancaster County Sheriff’s Office were involved in the response to the scene.

“It’s hard to say (how long the investigation for the cause will take) because due to the amount of damage, and due to the amount of fire that was in the building,” Melton said. “When the roof collapses, it’s hard to determine exactly the cause or origin of it right now.”

In a Facebook post Monday afternoon, owner Fernando Marin said, “We feel so sad of this just happened to our family restaurant Mariachis. Thank you for all your prayers we need that. We are not asking for any money now...

“Thank you, once again, love you guys,” Marin said to restaurant customers.

As of 5:30 p.m. Monday, the post had garnered 351 likes, 218 shares and 77 comments.

According to the Mariachis Mexican Restaurant page, the establishment at 1217 S.C 9 Bypass West was the first Mexican restaurant in Lancaster, established in 1996.

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