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## **ATF, CARLSBAD FIRE DEPARTMENT COMPLETE ON-SCENE INVESTIGATION INTO FIRE AT SAMMY'S WOODFIRED PIZZA**

CARLSBAD, California—Jeffrey Fulton, Special Agent in Charge for the National Response Team of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), and James Weigand, Fire Marshal for the city of Carlsbad, announced Sunday the completion of the on-scene investigation of the July 29, 2008 explosion and fire that severely damaged Sammy's Woodfired Pizza, located in Carlsbad California.

The ATF National Response Team and the Carlsbad Fire Department jointly completed their scene work on Sunday. "The investigators conducted extensive interviews and fully processed the scene" Weigand said "The information developed was reviewed and analyzed to assist in determining the cause of the fire."

Based on the fire scene examination and witness statements, the investigators determined that a natural gas leak had occurred leading to an explosion and resulting fire. The investigation uncovered no indication of criminal activity during either the scene examination or investigation. The official cause of the fire is classified as accidental.

Fulton and Weigand both stated that they were impressed with the cooperation exhibited by the personnel involved in the investigation and wanted to express their appreciation to the Carlsbad Police Department for their support and to the Los Angeles City Fire Department for providing an accelerant detection canine team to assist in the investigation. They would also like to thank the management and staff of Sammy's Woodfired Pizza for their complete cooperation during such a difficult time.

ATF is the Federal agency with jurisdiction for investigating major fires and crimes of arson. More information on ATF and its programs is available at [www.atf.gov](http://www.atf.gov).