



## TEMPLE TERRACE FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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### **BOYS SUSPECTED OF ARSON IN CHURCH FIRE**

(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – 4/17/13) – Two young boys are being questioned in regard to a fire that occurred Tuesday evening at a Temple Terrace church, fire officials said.

The boys, both 12-year-old Temple Terrace residents, are not being named because of their ages. Arson charges may be filed against both youngsters, pending further investigation, officials said.

The Temple Terrace Fire Department responded to a fire call at 9:19 p.m. Tuesday at the Perfected Love International Fellowship, 10960 N. 56<sup>th</sup> St., Temple Terrace.

Firefighters arrived to find flames on the roof the storefront facility, said Temple Terrace Fire Chief Keith Chapman. The fire, which caused an estimated \$4,500 in damage to the facility's roof and sign, was extinguished quickly, with no injuries reported.

At the scene, Temple Terrace police officers discovered two male juveniles standing around a separate rubbish fire behind the building, and they were detained for questioning.

The State Fire Marshal's Office was called in to investigate. Preliminary findings indicate arson was the cause of the blaze, officials said.

The boys are in the custody of their parents, pending charges. The State Fire Marshal's Office is continuing to investigate.

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