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Fire at McKee Foods causes damage; no injuries reported

COLLEGEDALE, Tenn. — November 28, 2015 — A McKee Foods employee called 911 after discovering a fire outside one of the company's manufacturing facilities in Collegedale this evening.

Crews responded to the scene of the fire and contained it before giving an all-clear for work to resume. All employees had quickly evacuated in accordance with the company's prescribed safety procedures. No injuries were reported. The manufacturing plant is up and running as normal tonight.

"We appreciate the immediate action taken by an alert employee that surely prevented this incident from being worse than it was," said Mike Gloekler, company spokesperson. "We also appreciate the prompt response from our on-site security personnel, Collegedale Police and our local Tri-Community Volunteer Fire Department. Their professionalism and expertise is second-to-none. We will continue to investigate the cause of the fire and assess the damage to our facilities over the next few days."

About McKee Foods

McKee Foods, a family bakery with annual sales of about \$1.4 billion, is a privately-held company based in Collegedale, Tenn. The McKee Foods story began during the height of the Great Depression when founder O.D. McKee began selling 5-cent snack cakes from the back of his car. Soon after, he and his wife, Ruth, bought a small, failing bakery, using the family car as collateral. Today, the company employs more than 5,000 people in Collegedale, Tenn.; Gentry, Ark.; Stuarts Draft, Va.; and Kingman, Ariz. It creates and produces Little Debbie® Snacks, Sunbelt® Bakery snacks & cereals, Drake's® Cakes, Heartland® and Fieldstone™ Bakery food products. Visit McKeeFoods.com for more information.

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