

Case Study: WALTON'S FUNERALS & CREMATIONS
Sparks, NV**Loss Event:** Fire**Damage:** Extensive Fire and Smoke Damage**THE PROBLEM**

A fire that started on the outside of the Walton's Funerals & Cremations Center quickly moved into the eves of the building and the roof partially collapsed before fire departments from Sparks and Reno could extinguish the flames. The business has been part of the community for 44 years, but the building was deemed a "total loss" by the Sparks Fire Department.

Even though the fire did not reach any human remains, water damage from the firefighting efforts did create another problem. The cardboard boxes used to store cremains were rapidly degrading. It was a critical race against time to protect the cremains and re-catalog them before the identifying information on the degrading boxes was lost.

THE SOLUTION

BELFOR Property Restoration and BELFOR Environmental were trusted with the restoration project. Of highest priority, BELFOR Environmental removed, re-boxed and cataloged all cremains from damaged areas before any were lost to water and fire damage.

The scope of the project included:

- scanning contaminated documents from damaged areas into a digital format;
- demolition of the structure to the bare framing;
- encapsulating the framing to smoke-seal and protect against odor; and,
- performing asbestos abatement.

To complete the asbestos abatement, a containment system had to be constructed over and around the entire building. BELFOR brought in a 40-man crew of construction and engineering specialists to handle the containment, along with three large cranes (50, 75 and 90-ton). A three-piece truss superstructure – 20 feet high by 125 feet long by 95 feet wide – allowed BELFOR to shrink wrap the entire building and protect the area while BELFOR Environmental specialists safely performed the asbestos abatement.

"BELFOR were true professionals. They took control of the job and kept us informed of their progress. Their word was their bond."

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Owner
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