



Turner Hall Demolition: A Necessary Move for Public Safety

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ALTON - Alton Fire Chief Jesse Jemison hasn't made this decision very often but late Wednesday night, Feb. 28, 2024, he decided the Old Turner Hall Building [had to immediately come down](#) after the [fire](#) was extinguished.

These are photos that took place during the demolition and were taken around 10:40 p. m. Wednesday in the process.

He said only one other time has he made that type of decision - when the [McDonald's on Broadway in Alton burned to the ground.](#) He said the reason for the move was because he worried about the safety of anyone in that vicinity.

Seiler Company came in and performed the demolition around 10:30 p.m. and finished about midnight, he said.

Jemison said he believes the fire was "very suspicious" and it was vacant before the blaze occurred.





