

Fire Damages Promise Keepers Office

✖ Promise Keepers (PK) has sustained “substantial” losses after a fire broke out at its ministry headquarters in Denver Sunday.

No one was hurt in the blaze that firefighters say started in a closet around 10:30 p.m., Denver’s CBS affiliate reported. The fire may have been electrical, firefighters said.

“Although our offsite backup ministry files are in tact, we have sustained substantial loss in our communications, equipment, office furnishings and servers,” the ministry said in a statement. “Coach McCartney, Dr. Raleigh Washington and our PK staff are still standing and are more committed than ever before to bring the Word of God to our 2010 conferences.”

Founded by former University of Colorado football coach Bill McCartney, the men’s ministry made headlines in 2007 when it drew nearly 1 million men to Washington, D.C., for its landmark Stand in the Gap event.

Though phone lines were expected to be down for two or three days, the group’s leaders expected to be ready for their August conferences in Denver and Orlando, Fla.