A worker’s cigarette break turned into a devastating break for a downtown donut shop.

Tastee Donuts on Broadway is in ruins this morning after an early morning fire. The shop’s owner...Mildred Norton...says around four this morning she stepped out for a smoke...and that’s when the real smoke began. She says she left a pot of oil on the stove and it overflowed igniting a massive blaze.

The fire department was quickly on the scene but officials say there was no saving Tastee Donuts. Damages have been estimated at nearly a half million dollars.

Firefighters were able to limit the damage to the two businesses that adjoin the donut shop...April’s Flowers...and Maria’s Earrings and Things.