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After devastating fire, Navarro Pharmacy in Little Havana reopens

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On Valentine's Day, the popular Navarro Discount Pharmacy in Little Havana looked like a disaster zone. Amid all the smoke and water that hectic morning, a firefighter plunged through the roof and was carted away with a serious back injury.

Now, after about a month of repairs, it's back to business for the store at 1243 SW Eighth St.

On Tuesday, the store reopened "with a wall separating the damaged part of the store," said spokeswoman Jeanne A. Becker.

"Part of the store is 100 percent open and operational, but the selection of merchandise will be limited to about 60 percent due the damaged section," she said.

The store will be open from 6 a.m. to midnight every day. Prescriptions will still be delivered to customers free of charge.

Becker said Navarro expects to finish repairing all damage in about three months. Damages were estimated to be more than \$1 million, including loss of inventory.

The Feb. 14 fire sent Miami Fire Capt. Ray Pampin to the Ryder Trauma Center after he fell 15 to 20 feet from the roof while looking for hotspots. Pampin now back home on medical leave.

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