

Mobile home gutted by fire Sunday

Fire gutted a mobile home but North Wilkesboro and Mulberry-Fairplains firefighters kept the blaze from spreading into nearby undergrowth Sunday afternoon.

The fire was on Robin Lane, which is off Byrd Ridge Road just outside the North Wilkesboro town limits. Authorities said they were told the mobile home was unoccupied and without electricity, but one nearby resident said someone possibly had been staying there recently.

Firefighters and nearby residents were concerned about the possibility of the fire spreading uphill through broom straw and other brush to occupied homes a few hundred feet away.

Capt. David Carson, chief of detectives of the Wilkes Sheriff's Department, and State Bureau of Investigation Agent Eric Wall were on the scene investigating the cause of the blaze Sunday afternoon.

The Wilkes Communications Center dispatched the North Wilkesboro Fire Department about 2 p.m. Sunday. Mulberry-Fairplains was dispatched to assist.

The name of the owner of the mobile home wasn't immediately available.