

Firefighters Respond to Smoke at American Drew Building

Just before 4 p.m. today, the North Wilkesboro Fire Department was dispatched in response to a fire reported at what is left of the old American Drew furniture factory building near the Central Business District Loop in downtown North Wilkesboro.

The fire department's aerial truck was on the scene to reach the top of the three-story building. A small amount of smoke but no flames were visible on the western end of the building, prompting firefighters to search for the source.

North Wilkesboro firefighters called for assistance from the Wilkesboro Fire Department about 40 minutes later. A Wilkesboro pumper truck was brought to the scene to apply water.

The building is in the process of being demolished, with certain portions being salvaged.