

Bowling Alley and Skating Rink Burn in North Wilkesboro

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NORTH WILKESBORO – A bowling alley and nearby skating rink were destroyed in a fire that began in the late afternoon, fire officials in Wilkes County said.

Wilkes County Fire Marshall Kevin Bounds said firefighters were still working to put out the fire about 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Bounds said that as far as he knew no one had been injured.

The bowling alley, called Wilkes Lanes, is at 324 Elkin Highway in North Wilkesboro. The skating rink is adjacent.

Bounds said a number of fire departments had converged on the property to combat the blaze.

Mandy Souther, whose father owns the business, said that about 15 people were inside when people noticed smoke and left the building.

“We don’t have any idea how it got started,” Souther said.