

Mobile Home with Additions on Germantown Road Destroyed by Fire



Two fires, one Monday afternoon and the other early Tuesday morning, destroyed a home at 1415 Germantown Road in the Moravian Falls Fire District.

Moravian Falls firefighters saw smoke and flames coming from the home after they were dispatched at 4:32 p.m. Monday, said Moravian Falls Chief Kimi Hamby.

Hamby said the structure was an older model singlewide mobile home with additions, creating multiple wooden layers of wall and roof structures.

He said these multiple layers made it harder for firefighters to reach and fight the fire and created other challenges.

Firefighters limited the blaze mostly to the attic before it was extinguished and most of the damage elsewhere was from water and smoke when they cleared the scene about 8:30 p.m. Monday, said Hamby.

He said a Moravian Falls firefighter overcome by heat was taken to Wilkes Regional Medical Center, where he was treated and released. The Wilkes Rescue Squad also responded.

Assisting Moravian Falls were the Boomer, Goshen, North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro fire departments.

Wilkes Fire Marshal Kevin Bounds said the fire started from an electrical problem.

The Wilkes Communications Center dispatched Moravian Falls back to the scene at 4:10 a.m. Tuesday when the structure was on fire again. Bounds said this resulted from the fire rekindling.

All but about two rooms of the home were destroyed early Tuesday morning.

Bounds said members of the family of the late Mamie Eller owned and occupied the house. He said about eight people, including adults and older teenagers, lived there.

The American Red Cross provided lodging for five adults who were displaced by the fire.