

Two injured in fire in town this morning

by Staff

A couple in a home on Peden Street in North Wilkesboro were injured in a fire reported just before 7 a.m. today.

They were identified as William Call, 54, and Linda Call, 61, 695 Peden Street, who had burns and smoke inhalation. They were taken by Wilkes EMS ambulance and Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center Critical Care ambulance to Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

North Wilkesboro Fire Chief Niki Hamby said that the fire started from the rear of the house in the utility area where there was a washer and dryer.

At first the report to Wilkes Communications Center was that there was possible entrapment of two people in the fire. When firemen arrived, Hamby said, the two had been gotten out of the house. Hamby said he was told a neighbor helped the two, who have physical impairment, including paralysis, from the home.

Hamby said that the fire was extinguished but he would consider the small, frame rental home damaged beyond repair.

North Wilkesboro firemen returned to their station at 11 a.m. today.

At press time today the Calls were being evaluated in the emergency room at Baptist Medical Center and no information on their condition was available.