

Fire Guts Mobile Home In Speedway Road Area Tuesday Morning

A mobile home off Dan Call Road in the Speedway Road community was gutted by fire Tuesday morning.

Capt. Bobby Parks of the Broadway Fire Department said it was an older model mobile home and burned quickly.

Parks said a man in his 50s owned and lived in the mobile home and was awakened by the sound of the fire. He said the man's hair and jacket he was wearing were singed by fire as he escaped from the burning structure.

The man declined medical treatment at the scene, Parks said. His name wasn't available.

The North Wilkesboro and Roaring River fire departments assisted Broadway. Firefighters were dispatched about 8:15 a.m. and were on the scene until about 10 a.m. Twenty-five to 30 firefighters responded.

Parks said the fire began from a kerosene heater in the kitchen, which was the structure's source of heat. He said there was no electricity to the mobile home.

American Red Cross assisted the man and he didn't have insurance in the structure. The fire on Dan Call Road was at least the third Wilkes residence destroyed by fire since Saturday evening. All three resulted from heat sources other than electricity.

In North Wilkesboro

The North Wilkesboro Fire Department was dispatched to a fire in an apartment unit at Sky View Apartments on Third Street about 6:30 p.m. Monday.

The fire started from a pan containing grease in an oven that was left on, said North Wilkesboro Fire Chief Jimmy Martin. Only the oven and a portion of the kitchen floor nearby were damaged, said Martin.

He said no one was injured, but a North Wilkesboro firefighter was briefly overcome by smoke. The firefighter was okay the next day, he said.