

Fire in Phillips Tire Services Building Put Out Before Heavy Damage Occurs

Fast action by firefighters prevented heavy fire damage to a commercial building on Wilkesboro Avenue in North Wilkesboro early Sunday morning.

The North Wilkesboro, Wilkesboro, Broadway and Moravian Falls fire departments were dispatched after a passing motorist reported a fire on the outside of the Phillips Tire Services building (facing south) about 1:30 a.m. Sunday.

North Wilkesboro Fire Chief Jimmy Martin said a trash fire in a 55-gallon drum caught the side of the building on fire, causing a glass window to break. Flames entered through the window and burned the interior of the wall, but firefighters extinguished the blaze before structural damage occurred.

Major Scott Teague of the North Wilkesboro Police Department said police questioned a man who was believed to have been at the scene, when the fire spread to the building, but the man denied any involvement and wasn't charged.