

Moore Floor Coverings Fire Classified as Underdetermined in Origin

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ABERDEEN, Wash. - Investigators may never know the cause, and origin, to the blaze that destroyed the Moore Floor Coverings building. Battallion Chief Bill Mayne told KBKW that scene processing mostly wrapped up yesterday with heavy equipment supporting a questionable wall "once they got inside to do their interior work, that allowed the heavy equipment that was there overnight, to go ahead and finish knocking over some of the wall structure that was causing us concern."



Mayne said that crews recovered some item that survived the fire today, then the three remaining walls facing State, I, and Heron street will be taken down.

The three-alarm fire at 301 I street in downtown Aberdeen burned for several hours, it's investigation has been hindered for days due to the structural damage, which has been estimated at over 2 million in damages.

The building owner and insurance company have secured a demolition contractor (Roglins of Aberdeen WA.) to begin the process of demolition. Fire department investigators along with the demolition contractor were able to retrieve business records and valuables within the interior of the building earlier this morning.

The east wall in the rear of the building required bracing over the weekend due to significant movement that was observed and the potential it may fall on the adjacent structure. Some scene processing was completed this morning, but due to the extreme hazards associated with the stability of the building, investigators were unable to inspect areas of interest in any detail. At this time the fire is being classified as underdetermined in origin.

