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Former canning factory damaged by fire ! Two structures in Durham harmed in incident

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The Washington County Fire Marshal's Office is investigating the cause of a fire in Durham that damaged two structures.

Elkins and Round Mountain firefighters responded to 11630 Canning Factory Road at about 7: 18 p.m. in reference to a structure fire involving a shed. The owner of the property, Pat Durrel, was home when the fire ignited.

Elkins Fire Chief J. D. DeMotte said the blaze spread to a neighboring property, owned by William Webster.

"It was a larger structure made of heavy wood," he said. "It was used as a canning factory in the 1920 s and was later used as a saw mill. It's now privately owned and used for private storage."

DeMotte said the two-story building became fully engulfed in flames, causing a section of roof to cave in.

Firefighters utilized two fire hydrants across the road, prompting them to close Arkansas 16 for about an hour.

Firefighters remained on the scene until 11: 20 p.m. Both structures sustained extensive damage.

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