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FIRE CAUSES MINIMAL DAMAGE TO NEW TOWN HALL

WAKE FOREST, NC – February 16, 2009 – A construction worker is being treated for smoke inhalation Monday afternoon after a fire broke out on the roof of the new Wake Forest Town Hall.

According to Wake Forest Fire Chief A.E. (Freddy) Lynn, a welder's torch ignited roofing insulation around 1:30 pm causing a fire that sent plumes of gray smoke pouring from the top of the building. The fire eventually spread to the roof decking but was contained before causing further damage to the facility that is still under construction.

Firefighters arrived at the scene within a few minutes of being called and extinguished the fire by 1:50 pm.

The name of the injured construction worker is not known, but he has been transported to Wake Med North and is being treated for smoke inhalation after reportedly attempting to put out the fire.

Work on the new Wake Forest Town Hall began in the summer of 2008 and is expected to be completed in the fall of 2009.

No additional information is available at this time.

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