

Officials probe cause of blaze

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The cause of a fire last week which resulted in an estimated \$75,000 in damage to the Bond Street building in Farmington Hills is still undetermined, according to fire department officials.

Firefighters were called to a fire in the renovated Bond School, now called Bond Street, near 13 Mile and Orchard Lake roads, just before 10 p.m. Sept. 25, said Lt. Richard Marinucci.

Fire broke out in two rooms of the building's second floor, he said. Although most of the damage was contained within the two rooms, smoke damage spread throughout the second floor, Marinucci said.

ALTHOUGH THE two rooms on the

second floor were unoccupied at the time of the fire, tenants were expected to move in last weekend, said Ronald Hughes of Abbey Associates, the building's owners.

Custodians who were cleaning the building that night reported the fire when they smelled smoke, Marinucci said. The offices on the second floor did not contain furniture and the utilities also were not yet turned on, he said.

"So we have no apparent accidental cause," Marinucci said. "He (the department's fire inspector) has not ruled out the possibility that it was set."

Bond School was built in 1926. Unoccupied for about nine years, the school was renovated last year by Abbey Associates. The developers moved into the building last December.

Truckers name new president

Ronald Murrell of Farmington Hills, president of Earl C. Smith Inc. in Detroit, was elected the 48th president of the Michigan Trucking Association at its 51st annual Business meeting Sept. 13-15 at the Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City.

Murrell, who has served for the last year as first vice president of MTA, is

also a past president of the Detroit Trucking Council, past president of the Operations Council of the American Trucking Association, present chairman of the Management Council of ATA and is a board member of the Michigan Intra-State Motor Tariff Bureau and the Motor Carrier Central Freight Association.



Farmington Hills firefighters battle a blaze at the Bond Street Building, site of the old Bond School, last Tuesday. The fire caused an estimated \$75,000 in damages.



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