

# Fire guts trailer, damages 2 others

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A fire Thursday morning gutted one trailer and caused damage to two others at Farmington Hills Mobile Manor.

No one was injured in the fire, which occurred around 10:20 a.m. in the trailer park off Eight Mile Road near Tuck. No one was inside the trailer where the fire started.

Farmington Hills firefighters quickly put out the fire, but it had already spread throughout the interior. The fire started in the right

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Ruthann Johnson



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Making sure: Farmington Hills Fire Department Inspector Paul Casae (left) and firefighter Mike Kish make sure the blaze is out between the ceiling and the roof.

corner of the living room. The cause is undetermined.

Total damage is estimated at \$7,500. Ruthann Johnson, who lived in the trailer, lost most of her belongings.

Johnson said she didn't have insurance.

"Everything is going to be OK," said Johnson, who is staying with her brother. "I had a really good record collection. That really hurt."

Two units next to Johnson's were damaged from intense heat and smoke. Damage was estimated

at \$1,500 for one trailer and \$700 for the other.

John Wieduwilt, manager at Farmington Hills Mobile Manor, noticed smoke billowing from one window. He shut off the gas and called the fire department.

Deputy fire chief Pete Baldwin said mobile home fires are particularly volatile because of materials inside.

"You're usually dealing with paneling. . . You have a finish on it and that is flammable."

That was confirmed by another resident.

"I went by and I saw yellow smoke," said Harold Hadden, "but by the time I got over there (a few yards away), the windows went boom."

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