

Cause of downtown fire not known

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Five Star Flooring store damaged

Fire officials are scratching their heads about what sparked a fire between two ceilings in a downtown building a week ago.

Second assistant fire chief Troy Franzen of the Gothenburg Volunteer Department said the state fire marshal investigated later in the afternoon of Sept. 19 and couldn't find the origin of the blaze without damaging the building even more.

Troy Daum, who owns the building and a carpet and floor-covering business along with his wife Chivonne, said Friday that the building, at 1014 Lake Ave, is insured.

The Daums had planned to start moving inventory from their current building, at 915 Lake Ave., into the newly remodeled structure this week.

Daum said the move will still happen at some point.

Franzen estimated what he called mostly structural damage to be between \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Someone called in the fire shortly after 1:30 p.m. and smoke was visible when fire fighters arrived.

