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PRESS RELEASE

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A historic building at the corner of Mill St. and Washington was gutted by fire last Thursday morning October 27, 2011. The Trinity County Sheriffs Dispatch Center received the first call at 0200 of smoke and flames at the historic home. Firefighters from Weaverville, Douglas City and Lewiston Fire Departments were dispatched at 0202. The first two Weaverville units arrived on scene at 0206 and reported heavy fire to the rear of the structure with the front of the structure having heavy black smoke coming from all windows. Additional Weaverville units arrived and began extinguishing the fire. Trinity PUD was called to the scene to cut the power to the structure. The fire was knocked down within 20 minutes of arrival. Douglas City and Lewiston units arrived and assisted with overhaul of the fire. Crews worked for several hours before overhaul was completed. Trinity County Life Support Ambulance crews stood by and provided rehabilitation for fire fighters prior to being released from the scene.

The historic building received major fire damage through out the structure. Personal belongings were also destroyed that had been stored in the building. The dollar loss is estimated at about \$15,000.00 for structure and content. The owner of the building did not have insurance and is working to have the building cleaned up. The cause of the fire is undetermined but is suspicious in nature. "There are no accidental source of ignition in the building and the location of the start of the fire make this a suspicious cause," according to Scott Alvord, WFD Fire Chief.

Chief Alvord praised the work of the firefighters. "We have some excellent firefighters that are very dedicated to protecting the community. Almost every single firefighter that was at the scene, went home after the fire, got cleaned up and went to work or school. I appreciate the work these folks put into our departments to make sure our community gets the best fire protection possible."