



A fire in Sparta has destroyed a trucking business. A truck malfunction is

blamed for a blaze and a series of explosions early Thursday at the Dutch Mill Trucking Shop. Sparta Fire Chief Mike Arnold told us that a number of tires exploded, a sign that nearby oils and lubricants might have triggered the flames. He said the blasts caused extensive damage in the shop. The fire started around midnight. Arnold said two fire-fighters were examined for possible heat exhaustion, and they turned out okay. Dutch Mill is a trucking transport firm which hauls a number of freight items including lumber, machinery, and building materials.