

## Man Airlifted After Zionville Explosion, Fire

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A Zionville man was airlifted from near the scene of an explosion and fire last night, an incident under investigation of the Watauga Sheriff's Office. Just after 7pm, Zionville Fire was dispatched along with Watauga Medics to 179 Lola Perry Road where a man was said to have suffered a serious arm injury and burns in an explosion inside the residence, injuries serious enough that a landing zone was set up right on US 421 for WINGS Air Rescue to airlift the man to the Johnson City Medical Center while his family followed to the Tennessee Hospital. Sheriff Len Hagaman said that investigators were working the scene late into the night to determine what led to the explosion, but he said that the initial look at the scene ruled out a meth lab as the cause. More details to come from the Watauga Sheriff's Office, investigators there late into the night.