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Lab testing on wiring reclaimed from the Harchelroad fire could be a key in helping determine the cause of the fire that destroyed Harchelroad Motors in mid-October.

Fire Marshal Investigator Ryan Sylvester of Ogallala said items have been sent to an investigation lab for testing. However, that testing probably won't be completed until near the end of the year.

The exact cause of the fire remains undetermined but Sylvester said any type of foul play was ruled out shortly after the fire investigation began.

New offices being added

Harchelroad's has continued to maintain business as usual, using their indoor showroom across the street west on Broadway from the destroyed facility.

Sid Harchelroad said they are building offices and restrooms in the showroom to better serve their customers and their own operations.