

Lightning Blamed for Machine Shed Fire

(KNZA)--Lightning is being blamed for a fire Thursday evening in rural Robinson that destroyed a machine shed and its contents.

Robinson Fire Chief Dennis Tietgens says the fire was reported around 8:30 at the corner of Racoon and 240th Roads at the residence of Jeremy Patton.

Tietgens says when firefighters arrived they found the machine shed fully engulfed in flames.

He says it took a couple of hours to bring the fire under control, but crews remained on the scene through the night to put out spot fires.

Lost in the blaze were several pickup trucks, a tractor, a motor home and numerous shop items.

Tietgens says the state Fire Marshal's Office confirms a lightning bolt was the cause of the fire.

No injuries were reported.

Assisting the Robinson Fire Department were fire departments from Hiawatha, Highland, the Iowa Tribe, Morrill and Powhattan along with the Brown County Rescue Squad, Town and Country EMS and Brown County Sheriff's Department.

Many Signals Communications