



PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release:

Storage Closet Fire at Derry Village School, Derry New Hampshire

At 2:59 p.m. the Derry Fire Department responded to a fire alarm activation at the Derry Village Elementary School. Upon arrival it was determined that the sprinkler system was operating and there was smoke in the 3rd grade wing of the school. A fire was located in a storage closet in the 3rd grade wing. The school was unoccupied at the time with the exception of janitorial staff. The fire was contained to the storage closet by the sprinkler system and did not extend into the ceiling space. The contents of the storage closet were significantly damaged and there was minor water damage to three classrooms. The fire was declared under control at 3:25 p.m. The estimated dollar loss is \$3,000 and there were no injuries to civilians or fire department personnel. The properly functioning fire alarm and sprinkler system limited the damage to the building and provided immediate notification to the fire department. The cause of the fire was determined to be the overheating and failure of a heat circulating pump which ignited combustible materials below it.

Incident # 2017-00808

Time of Alarm 2:59 pm

Date of Incident: 03 March 2017

Incident Address: 28 South Main Street, Derry

Fire Officer Submitting Release: *Battalion Chief William Gillis, Jr.*

Date: 03 March 2017

Signature of Fire Officer:

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