



## **NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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# **PRESS RELEASE**

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**SUBJECT: Fire Set in Bathroom of Newark High School**

On today's date around 10:00 a.m. a fire was set in a second floor boy's bathroom at Newark High School, 401 East Delaware Avenue, Newark. A student reported the fire to a teacher, who notified school staff. The Newark Police Department School Resource Officer entered the bathroom and found toilet paper dispensers in two stalls to be on fire. The officer was able to put the fires out with a fire extinguisher.

The school was evacuated and the Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Company of Newark responded. Firefighters ensured the fire was extinguished, and then worked to clear the smoke from the building.

Physical damage was limited to the bathroom stalls and smoke damage in the room. There was no structural damage to the building. Due to the smoky environment, students were dismissed around 11:30.

The Newark Police Department and Newark Fire Marshall are investigating this incident as an Arson. Information related to the fire should be reported to Cpl. Darryl Saunders at 302-631-4712 or [Darryl.Saunders@cj.state.de.us](mailto:Darryl.Saunders@cj.state.de.us). Information can also be reported anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, where a reward may be available.

*Text 302NPD and your tip to TIP411 (847411)*

*The Newark Police Department affirms that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.*

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