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## **MEDIA RELEASE – OCTOBER 20, 2017**

### **FIRE DAMAGES HUNTERDON CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL**

Hunterdon County Prosecutor Anthony P. Kearns, III, Chief of Detectives John J. Kuczynski, and Raritan Township Police Chief Glenn Tabasko announced that at approximately 8:55 pm a fire alarm activation occurred at the Hunterdon Central High School, Route 31 North, Flemington, NJ. Witnesses reported seeing smoke and flames coming from a storage room in the school. Multiple fire companies, including Flemington Fire Department, Raritan Township Fire Department, Lebanon Borough Volunteer Fire Company, and the Readington Volunteer Fire Company, responded to the scene and quickly got the fire under control and extinguished. Damage to the interior of the building was minimal, however, the electrical power was disconnected to the building as part of the investigation.

The fire investigation was under the direction and supervision of the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Arson Task Force, Raritan Township Police Department and Raritan Township Fire Marshal Dennis Concannon. Additional investigative support on the origin and cause of the fire was conducted with investigators from the Flemington Borough Police Department, and the Hunterdon County Fire Coordinator. The investigation into the incident was conducted by Detective Iglay and Detective Benz of the Raritan Township Police Department. Hunterdon Central High School officials were on scene and were kept informed of the incident.

The investigative team concluded that there were no signs of foul play or anything suspicious at the area of origin. The cause of the fire appeared to be accidental in nature but remain however no specific cause has been identified at this time. There were no reported injuries to fire personnel or anyone at the school.

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