



**POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:
Arson	11/13/2023 0200 Hours
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:
23BU026929	One North Avenue

**NARRATIVE:**

On Monday, November 13, 2023, at approximately 0200 hours, a person entered the vestibule of the Burlington Police Department and set fire to items in the vestibule. The fire activated the sprinkler system, and water intrusion coupled with heavy, acrid smoke conditions necessitated the temporary relocation of the BPD's Emergency Communications Center (ECC), also known as Dispatch. As per existing emergency plans, under the guidance of our Senior Network Administrator, our dispatchers moved to and worked from the South Burlington Police Department while members of the Burlington Fire Department addressed the fire at One North Avenue and ultimately declared the building safe for reoccupation. Burlington's dispatchers are now back in the One North Avenue ECC, but the BPD extends its sincere gratitude to the SBPD for its help.

The criminal investigation into this incident is ongoing. No persons were injured in the fire, but it is currently estimated that police headquarters sustained thousands of dollars of damage.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact the Burlington Police Department at (802) 658-2704.

*Information is preliminary and subject to change.*

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