

City of Gloucester

Mayor Greg Verga

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Gloucester City Hall Closed Due to Small Fire Overnight

GLOUCESTER – Mayor Greg Verga and Fire Chief Eric Smith report that the Gloucester Fire Department responded to a small fire in City Hall on Wednesday night.

City Hall is closed today. All other city buildings remain open, including the City Hall Annex.

On Wednesday, May 3, at about 11:30 p.m., Gloucester dispatchers received a call from the City's alarm contractor that a general alarm had been struck at City Hall, 9 Dale Ave.

First-responding crews reached City Hall within minutes. They reported smoke and fire conditions coming from a basement office, bringing multiple additional crews to the scene for critical support.

The fire was reported knocked down by about 11:43 p.m. Fire crews cleared the scene at about 2:06 a.m. Thursday.

No injuries were reported.

No cause has been determined. The investigation by the Gloucester Fire Department, Gloucester Police Department, and the State Police Fire and Explosion Investigation Unit attached to the State Fire Marshal's Office remains active and ongoing.

City crews are assessing fire damage in the basement, and possible smoke damage in the remainder of the building.

"The swift response by the Fire Department prevented what could have been a devastating fire," Mayor Verga said. "Our City departments will be working throughout the day to reopen City Hall as quickly as possible."

Departments located in City Hall -- Archives, City Assessor, City Auditor, City Clerk, Legal Department, Payroll, Personnel, Purchasing, Treasurer-Collector, and the Mayor's Office – are closed to the public today. Those who wish to conduct business with these departments are asked to contact them by email, or by using appropriate online services through the City website.

More information will be released as it becomes available.

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