



ASOTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Fire Alarm at Asotin-Anatone School

The Asotin Police Department responded to a fire alarm activation at Asotin-Anatone School today at approximately 7:50 a.m., just ten minutes before the official start of school at 8:00 a.m. Due to concerns stemming from the active shooter incident in Minneapolis earlier today, Chief Renzelman made a visible presence at the school to ensure the safety of students and staff.

The early morning alarm, which triggered just before the start of classes, presented unique challenges for the school community. Students were ushered to the fire evacuation areas. Chief Renzelman maintained a presence for safety concerns, while school staff researched the cause of the alarm.

After a thorough assessment, it was determined that the cause of the fire alarm was a system failure. The school has already contacted a fire alarm specialist, who is currently on scene working to address and resolve the issue. Throughout the incident, the safety of students and staff remained the top priority for School staff and the Asotin Police Department, and all decisions were made with their well-being in mind.

We commend the cooperation and patience displayed by parents during this incident, especially considering that today is the first day of school. It is even more impressive given the challenges of starting a new academic year and establishing routines. We also want to thank the quick thinking of teachers for their collaborative efforts to help ensure a safe and orderly response, allowing the school to resume normal operations as soon as possible.

The Asotin Police Department will continue to work closely with school officials to review safety protocols and enhance preparedness for future situations. We appreciate the patience and understanding of parents, students, and community members during this time.

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