

# OTTUMWA FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## Ottumwa Christian School Fire

On Friday August 5, 2016 at approximately 11:46 pm the Ottumwa Fire Department responded to a report of smoke alarms sounding and smoke coming from the Ottumwa Christian School located at 458 N. Court St.

Firefighters extinguished the fire quickly but the smoke and heat damage was already done. Due to the damage to the school it will no longer be habitable.

Following a complex investigation it has been determined the fire was incendiary in nature (arson).

The Ottumwa Fire Department is asking for the public's assistance with this case. If you or someone you know has information on this fire you are asked to contact the Ottumwa Fire or Police Departments. The Fire Department's phone number is 641-683-0667 x 3 or the Ottumwa Police's is 641-683-0661.

The Arson Hotline number is 1-800-532-1459

There is an award available for information which leads to an arrest.