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School Fire Ruled Arson

Date/Time: **May 21, 2011, 3:49 a.m.**
Location: **Bloomington High School, 10750 Laurel Ave., Bloomington**
Incident: **2nd Alarm Commercial Structure Fire**

Summary: San Bernardino County firefighters responded to an early morning commercial structure fire inside the administrative building at Bloomington High School. With a quick interior attack, firefighters were able to bring the 2nd alarm blaze under control in about 40 minutes. Approximately 45 firefighters from San Bernardino County Fire, with assistance from Rialto and Colton Fire, kept the fire contained to the administration offices.

The interior and content of the building is a complete loss, with early damages estimated at over \$250,000. There were no injuries. School officials are working to secure and clean up the area before students return to school on Monday. Bloomington High School is part of the Colton Joint Unified School District.

San Bernardino County Fire Investigators determined the fire was intentionally set. The cause of the fire remains under investigation by San Bernardino County Fire with the assistance of San Bernardino County Sheriff's Arson/Bomb unit.

Investigators need your help. If you have any information regarding this incident, please contact San Bernardino County Fire at (909) 356-3805 or We-Tip at 1-800-47-ARSON (800-472-7766).

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