



# News Release

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## **Fire Destroys School Gym**

**Minden, LA-** Fire destroyed the gymnasium at the Glenbrook of Minden private school located at 1674 Club Circle Road, shortly after noon today. The Minden Fire Department responded and requested assistance from Webster Parish Fire Districts 1, 7, 10 and 11 to help control the blaze that eventually destroyed the entire building.

The State Fire Marshal's Office has determined that the fire was caused by construction workers using a metal grinder in the erecting of an exterior awning to the gymnasium. The grinder sparked a fire in the wall of the building; the flames spread very quickly before the arrival of fire crews. One firefighter suffering from heat exhaustion was treated and released. Preliminary damage estimates are nearly \$500,000.00.

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