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On December 10, 2024 at 7:42 PM Tipp City Fire & Emergency Services was dispatched to the Tippecanoe High School for a report of smoke emitting from the stage area in the Center for Performing Arts (CPA).

Engine 32 arrived on the scene and crews found that a stage curtain in the CPA had smoldered causing a smoke condition and an odor to be produced inside the building. Engine 32 upgraded the response to a Commercial Structure Fire. E32 personnel secured the electricity and extinguished the hazard with a hose line.

The cause of the smoke is believed to be direct heat from a stage light causing the curtain to heat up to a point that it began to smolder. Quick actions from the staff on site undoubtedly prevented this from becoming a larger incident and creating more damage. The damage was contained to a small portion of a stage curtain and water on the stage.

Mutual aid was dispatched at the request of the on-scene incident commander. West Milton, Vandalia, Troy, Huber Heights and Bethel all responded with crews.

Mutual aid crews assisted in operational tasks including roof access and ventilating smoke out of the CPA. All students and staff were safe and no one reported any injuries during the event. No injuries were reported by fire personnel.

Tipp City Fire & Emergency Services remained on scene nearly an hour to ensure that no hazards were present and that the building was ventilated. All crews were released without incident and the school was able to return to normal operation. School and fire personnel worked together during the entirety of the incident.