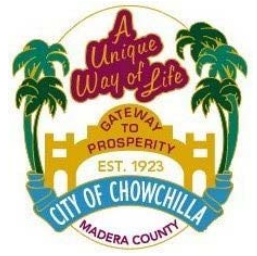




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To: MEDIA  
Date: March 13, 2009  
Subject: Fire at Clarke Auditorium

On Friday, March 13, 2009, at approximately 3:58 a.m., the Chowchilla Police Department received a call of a fire at the Chowchilla Fairgrounds. Officers and engines from the Chowchilla Volunteer Fire Department, Cal Fire and the Women's Prison were dispatched to the scene. Upon arrival, officers observed the Clarke Auditorium fully engulfed in flames. Clarke Auditorium is the largest building at the Chowchilla Fairgrounds and is considered a total loss. The loss is estimated to be at 2 million dollars. The fire is considered suspicious and is under investigation.

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