3 fires set at center

Firefighters yesterday were called to the Staten Island Developmental Center in Willowbrook to douse three separate fires in Building No. 3 of the huge complex.

Chief Matthew Blaine of the 22nd Battalion, who supervised the one engine company and two ladder companies that fought the small fires, labeled them suspicious.

There was only one man in the onestory brick building when the fire broke out, about 7 p.m., fire officials said.

One of the fires was in some rubbish in a classroom, while another was in a nearby office and caused some scorching of papers. Firefighters spent about 40 minutes on the center's grounds, and damage was listed as light to both the building and its contents.