

## Patient severely burned at developmental center

A resident at the Staten Island Developmental Center was severely burned in a fire at the center early this morning, fire officials reported.

Officials said the fire began at 4:40 a.m. on a mattress in the second floor of Building 32, a residential building. Although the fire was quickly put out with a fire extinguisher, one resident, Geoffrey Quist, 37, suffered second- and third-degree burns over 60 percent of his body.

Quist was taken to Staten Island Hospital and later transferred to the Cornell Medical Center burn unit in Manhattan, where he was in stable condition

this morning.

Fire officials said they did not know how the fire began in Quist's bed. They said Quist, who was blind, did not smoke.