



COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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HOUSE FIRE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – The Countryside Fire Protection District responded to a structure fire at 7:50pm at 108 Midlothian Rd. in Hawthorn Woods after an occupant reported smoke coming from the flooring near the fireplace. Upon arrival, crews found the wood-burning fireplace had conducted sufficient heat to the floor joists below the hearth to start them on fire. Crews controlled the fire within 10 minutes of the 911 call and remained on scene to check several void spaces for fire extension. No injuries were reported. The home is currently uninhabitable and the family was given complimentary housing from a local hotel. “It is fortunate that the resident noticed something was wrong before heading to bed this evening. The loss to the structure and danger to the occupants could have been far worse had this had more time to grow and occurred during overnight hours.”

Countryside was assisted by the Mundelein and Lake Zurich Fire Departments at the scene.

PUBLIC SAFETY MESSAGES – Make sure your chimney is clean and that any fire in a fireplace is completely extinguished before turning in for the night. Only burn dry, seasoned firewood in a fireplace and always use a screen.

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