



News Release

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STRUCTURE FIRE - 29944 N. Ivanhoe Rd. Mundelein

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE –The Grayslake Fire Protection District was notified of a structure fire at 1039hrs in the area of Winchester Rd. and Hwy. 83. Upon arrival, crews found an abandoned farmhouse with an active basement fire. It was noted that the structure was located in the Countryside Fire Protection District jurisdiction but due to well-coordinated mutual aid agreements, Grayslake fire handled the incident with representatives from Countryside responding to the scene. The structure had been previously slated for demolition and was known to be vacant. Defensive fire operations were put into place and water tenders from Round Lake, Lake Villa, and Fox Lake assisted in hauling water to the non-hydranted area. No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire is under investigation. The home is uninhabitable and a damage estimate is not immediately known. “The initial cellular call was directed to Grayslake’s dispatch. Even though the call ended up being in Countryside’s jurisdiction, the area fire departments work so well together that the emergency is handled seamlessly without concern for invisible boundaries” said Countryside’s Division Chief Chuck Smith. “The important thing is that someone gets to the emergency quickly. Who completes the investigation and paperwork we can figure out after the fire is out.”

