



COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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STRUCTURE FIRE –300 Block of Tyler Ct. Vernon Hills, Illinois

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE –The Countryside Fire Protection District was notified of a flash fire in a six-unit townhome at 9:53 a.m. on Friday, March 21, 2014. The fire started when a homeowner in a center unit attempted to remove flooring adhesive during a home improvement project. The adhesive removal product was extremely flammable, and the area was not well ventilated. It is unknown at this time what exactly the ignition source was, but fumes ignited and there was flash fire in the living room. Fumes also appeared to fill a concealed space between two other units, and a common storage area of the building. Crews arrived within five minutes and found active fire. After smoke conditions did not improve, the alarm was upgraded for additional manpower and equipment. Fire was contained to the general area of origin and did not spread to the other three units. The fire was under control within 45 minutes. The remaining units suffered some water and smoke damage, and the Red Cross assisted families that needed shelter.

The building is now uninhabitable until the Building Department completes their inspection. Preliminary damage estimate to the units and contents is approximately \$150,000. The Countryside Fire Protection District was assisted by the Libertyville, Mundelein, Lincolnshire–Riverwoods, Knollwood, Lake Bluff, Lake Zurich, Long Grove, Gurnee, Grayslake Fire Departments, along with the Vernon Hills Police and Building Department and the MESS Canteen. Through MABAS other Departments covered both stations during the incident.

Safety Message: Read directions for proper use of flammable liquids.

