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Structure Fire

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – The Countryside Fire Protection District was notified by a 911 caller at 1:37 PM today and responded to a structure fire on in the 27000 block of La Vista Dr. in unincorporated Mundelein. The fire was reported by the owner after smelling smoke and seeing fire on the roof. Units arrived within six minutes and crews began to extinguish the fire on the roof over the garage. Other crews removed ceiling from the second floor to extinguish fire that had spread into the large attic space. The fire was contained to the roof and attic. Everyone that was home at the time of the fire safely exited prior to the arrival of the fire department. The home is currently uninhabitable. Countryside was assisted at the scene by Mundelein, Libertyville, Long Grove, Wauconda, Lincolnshire-Riverwoods, Barrington, and the Lake County Sheriffs Police. Several other fire departments from the area covered Countryside's stations during the fire.

The investigation is ongoing however open burning of brush had occurred just prior, downwind from the area that ignited. It is likely that embers from the open burning ignited the cedar shake roof.

Visit <u>http://www.countrysidefire.com/general/open-burning-regulations/</u> for more information on open burning regulations and safety.

The Countryside Fire Protection District is an Internationally Accredited Agency by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International and provides service to a 24 square mile district in central Lake County, IL.