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Sprinkler Controls Fire at Senior Living Facility

On Wednesday morning at 9:05 am the Countryside Fire Protection District responded to a fire alarm received on the alarm monitoring system at the fire dispatch center at Victory Centre Supportive Living on Phillip Road in Vernon Hills. Arriving in less than two minutes, it was identified there was a fire in the laundry room on the fifth floor and staff was in the process of evacuating the residents. The alarm was upgraded to a structure fire response, bringing additional units from Countryside, Libertyville, Mundelein, Lincolnshire-Riverwoods. Firefighters ascended the stairs to the fifth floor to find the dryer on fire in the laundry room and the hallway filled with smoke. The fire was controlled by a single fire sprinkler head and confined to the room. Fire/Smoke doors that automatically close also kept smoke from spreading. Firefighters assisted staff with evacuation; some residents not near the fire were sheltered in place. The firefighters connected hoses to standpipes located in the stairwell to extinguish embers, ventilated smoke from the 5th floor, assisted with clean up and returning residents to the building.

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The cause of the fire is under investigation and a damage estimate is not readily available.

Several residents will be temporarily relocated within the facility while clean up takes place. The Victory Centre is a 5 story building senior facility. There were approximately 110 residents and 25 staff members in the building at the time of the fire.

Chief Steingart of the Countryside Fire District stated that “quick and decisive actions by the Victory Center staff as well as the emergency response and the fire sprinkler controlling the fire clearly averted a potential tragedy.” None of the residents, staff or firefighters was injured.

Vernon Hills Police and Building Departments were also on the scene assisting. Other local fire departments covered Countryside’s fire stations during the incident.

Fire & Life Safety Message: Fire Sprinklers Save Lives!

Check your smoke alarms, close the door and have an escape plan.

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