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Basement Fire in Vernon Hills Leaves Two Families Displaced:

At approximately 8:30 p.m., the Countryside Fire Protection District responded to an inside smoke investigation in the 800 block of Faulkner in Vernon Hills. Upon arrival, crew members found smoke on all floors of a two-story town home. Call was upgraded to a working still then to a Box Alarm 41-20 to the Box Level. Crews encountered heat and heavy smoke in the basement, and were forced out of the basement due to the high heat and smoke conditions. Crews then cut holes in the first level flooring exposing the basement and extinguished with a high expansion foam unit. Fire did extend to the adjoining unit, which shared a common wall. Countryside was assisted by multiple agencies including, Libertyville, Mundelein, Lincolnshire, Knollwood, Lake Bluff, Lake Forest, Grayslake, Wauconda, Gurnee, Lake Zurich, Highwood, Deerfield, Lake Villa, Long Grove, Buffalo Grove, Palatine Rural, Vernon Hills Police, and the MESS canteen. Both homes were uninhabitable. The Red Cross was called and assisted the families in need. Damage is estimated to be \$175,000. The cause and origin are still under investigation.

Safety Message: Be sure to have working smoke alarms on all levels in your home, in all sleeping areas and in the hallway outside of sleeping areas. Change the batteries in your smoke alarms each spring and fall with the time change, and test every month.
