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FIRE IN A LARGE OUTBUILDING AT A HORSE FARM

SOUTH ELGIN – The South Elgin & Countryside Fire Protection District responded to the 9N700 block of Nesler Rd. at 1738 hours on Tuesday, December 14th for a reported barn on fire. First arriving crews encountered a fully involved 80' X 50' outbuilding with 2 other large nearby exposures. One of the exposures was a horse stable and arena that housed approximately 40 horses. Due to the assistance of the horse farm volunteers and 2 off duty firefighters all horses were able to be removed to a property nearby with no reported injuries or deaths. The fire was brought under control around 1900 hours however, crews remained on scene until 2156 hours due to the amount of overhaul needed to ensure the fire was completely extinguished. There were no reported civilian or firefighter injuries. The outbuilding was a complete loss and due to the contents of the structure, damage was estimated to be approximately \$1.5 million. South Elgin was assisted by the Elgin, Fox River, Bartlett, Pingree Grove, St. Charles, Rutland Dundee, West Dundee, Geneva, Carol Stream, North Aurora, Hanover Park, Batavia, and Elburn Fire Depts. The fire is currently under investigation.

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