

*South Elgin & Countryside
Fire Protection District*

MARY VAN WINKLE
President

JEFFERY T. THERIAULT
Trustee

RONALD R. BOHLMAN
Secretary

150 WEST STATE STREET
SOUTH ELGIN, ILLINOIS 60177

WILLIAM B. SOHN
Fire Chief

JEFFREY A. SPEYERS
Treasurer

Business Phone (847) 741-2141 * Fax (847) 741-2184

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 17th, 2017

Structure Fire in South Elgin

SOUTH ELGIN — The South Elgin & Countryside Fire Protection District responded to a report of a structure fire at 663 Fairview Lane at 3:35 this morning May 17, 2017. The call was reported by a neighbor as a garage on fire. On the way to the call the incident was updated to a fire in the garage, plus 2 cars on fire in the driveway. Upon arrival of Engine #21, the crew reported on the scene with a fully involved structure fire, the cars in the driveway were also on fire, as was the house directly to the north. At 3:52 am a box alarm was called, and a second level box was called at 4:14am. The main body of the fire was brought under control in about hour. The gas meter on the side of the garage had been damaged during the fire creating a natural gas fed fire; NICOR was called in to dig the line to stop the flow of gas. The family members of both houses managed to escape and were accounted for upon arrival of the fire department; a couple residents incurred some minor smoke inhalation and were treated and released. We are extremely grateful to report that no civilians or responders were injured during this incident.

The Kane County Fire Investigation Task Force was called to assist our investigators. The fire was determined to have started in the area of the garage; the fire cause is still undetermined and damage assessment has not been completed as of yet. The following departments assisted on the scene and handled other calls during the incident: Bartlett Fire District, Batavia Fire Department, Burlington Fire District, Elburn Fire District, Elgin Fire Department, Fox River & Countryside Rescue, Geneva Fire Department, Hampshire Fire District, Hanover Park Fire Department and Hanover Park Rehab Unit, Pingree Grove Fire District, Rutland Dundee Fire District, and St. Charles Fire Department.

Chief William B. Sohn
South Elgin Fire District
150 W. State St.
South Elgin, IL 60177
(847) 741-2141

