



SOUTH ELGIN & COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Press Release

SOUTH ELGIN- The South Elgin and Countryside Fire District responded to the reported structure fire at 12:05 pm this afternoon at 182 Melinda Drive in South Elgin. Upon arrival, fire units noticed smoke coming from the roof and windows of the structure. The resident reported that there was a fire in the home and no person was inside. The call was upgraded to a WORKING FIRE for additional emergency resources. The first arriving unit began an offensive attack on the body of fire. Additional crews conducted a search of the home and ventilation for smoke control.

The fire was brought under control at 12:24 pm with the assistance of the Elgin FD, Fox River Fire Protection District, St. Charles FD, and Pingree Grove Fire Protection District. The Hanover Park Emergency Services provided logistical supplies including breathing air for firefighters. The South Elgin Police Department provided crowd and traffic control. A total of 10 fire units and 2 ambulances responded to the scene. Extensive fire damage was noted to the home and contents. The home is uninhabitable. Damage to the dwelling was estimated at \$100,000. Fire cause and origin is being investigated by the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District. One resident of the home was evaluated for possible smoke inhalation.

SAFETY ALERT: Residents are reminded to be vigilant about the use of candles and other open flames inside of the home. Make sure the flame always remains within your line of vision and is not near any combustible objects.

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