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Sprinkler Puts Out Fire on 26th Floor of Chicago High-Rise

Different outcome compared to the fire in Cook County Administration Building Two Years Ago

Orland Park, IL (October 14, 2005) – Two years ago, on a Friday afternoon, a fire started in the Cook County Administration Building at 69 W. Washington. Six people died. According to Tom Lia, Executive Director, Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board (NIFSAB), the deaths of the six occupants in the Cook County building could have been prevented if the high-rise would have been protected with a fire sprinkler system.

This afternoon, there was a fire in a Chicago high-rise with a different outcome. A single sprinkler activated and controlled the fire on the 26th floor at 77 W. Jackson.

No banner headlines, no burn injuries, no loss of life, no danger to responding fireman, no investigation, no lawsuits and non-dramatically, the Metcalf Building is still open, no business interruption.

This type of occurrence is a regular in the Chicago area with successful activations of fire sprinkler systems containing a fire.

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