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PRESS RELEASE

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STRUCTURE FIRE 140 CHICAGO AVENUE

On Thursday, August 21, 2008 at 10:43 p.m. the Clarendon Hills Fire Department responded to the pool building located at the Hinsdale Golf Club 140 Chicago Avenue for an activated fire alarm. One (1) Ambulance, one (1) aerial ladder truck, one pumper engine, one (1) Heavy Duty Rescue Squad, one (1) Shift Duty Officer, one (1) Deputy Chief and one (1) Chief, all from Clarendon Hills responded to the scene. A total of fifteen (15) Clarendon Hills Firefighters responded to the scene. The Hinsdale Fire Department also responded automatically with an engine company to this fire.

The first arriving Clarendon Hills Fire Department unit, arriving less than five (5) minutes later found large amounts of smoke coming from the building. One (1) Clarendon Hills FD crew made entry into the building with pre-connected hose lines. The alarm panel indicated that water from the sprinkler system was flowing in the kitchen area of the building. Entry was made to the kitchen area where a small fire was located. Crews extinguished the fire that was kept small and contained by two (2) activated sprinkler heads in the kitchen area. Additional crews assisted with suppression and ventilation as they arrived. We also had an engine company from Oak Brook and an ambulance from Downers Grove move into our station for coverage while Clarendon Hills units were committed to the Chicago Ave. call. The fire, which was located in the kitchen area, was extinguished in about 10 minutes.

This pool building that is completely protected by a sprinkler system suffered only minor damage because of the presence of the sprinkler system.

A complete estimate of the damage to the building and contents is not complete at this time, but this total will be in excess of \$20,000.

Two (2) Clarendon Hills Fire Department investigators conducted an origin and cause investigation at 11:45 PM. After about one (1) hour they determined the cause to be shorted out electrical connections to a commercial toaster unit located in the kitchen area.

Hinsdale Golf Club Management has notified the DuPage County Health Department of the fire in their kitchen. They will be working with their fire protection company for the replacement of two (2) sprinkler heads and placing the sprinkler system back into full service. They will also be working with their insurance company on temporary and permanent repairs. The kitchen will not be able to be used for several days, while repairs are made.

Without the sprinkler system in this building, this fire would have gone undetected for several hours and would have eventually caused a large fire in this building.

Any questions regarding this incident should be directed to Chief Brian D. Leahy at 630-286-5430.