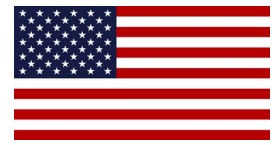




# ELBURN & COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



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## For Immediate Release

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On Tuesday evening May 9, 2023, at 7:52 pm, The Elburn & Countryside Fire Protection District was dispatched for a reported attached garage fire at 3N137 Woodcrest Court in Campton Hills, IL. The first arriving Chief officer at 7:56 pm reported a working fire coming from the garage of a very large 2-story single-family residence and reported all occupants were out of the house. A request to elevate the incident to a working fire was made to fill in Elburn fire stations. The house, estimated to be nearly 5,000 square feet with multiple sections of an expansive 4,000 sq. ft. 2-story attached garage, is located in a rural area where fire hydrants are not present. Because of the volume of fire, fire load, and no municipal water supply, the alarm was upgraded to a mutual aid box alarm, and eventually to a second alarm for additional water tenders (to transport water from a municipal source to the incident scene).

This incident was very challenging because of the volume of fire combined with extensive fire loading (including several vehicles, shop equipment, supplies, and hazardous materials including cylinders of compressed gasses, and other flammable equipment. These factors combined with a heavy volume of fire, and building construction with several different roofs including void spaces, limited the possibilities of a direct interior fire attack. It was determined early on that the fire attack would be defensive by crews primarily operating from outside vantage points.

In total, 21 departments responded to the scene (and Elburn Fire Stations) to assist with the fire suppression, water shuttle, and station coverage. It took several hours to control and extinguish the fire. A crew has remained on the scene today to help control "hot spots". Collectively fire crews transported and utilized over 300,000 gallons of water. Significant structural & contents damage occurred as a result of this fire. The combined damage to the home, classic vehicles, equipment, and contents owned by Thomas & Vicki Mullally is estimated to be over \$1,000,000. The home is uninhabitable until substantial restoration is completed. Despite the heavy loss of property, the Elburn & Countryside Fire Protection District is grateful there were no injuries to the occupants or firefighters.

The cause of the fire is believed to be an accidental mechanical malfunction of a vehicle deep in the garage that quickly spread to the contents and structure. The Elburn Fire District is very grateful for the response provided to them by their mutual aid partners to assist with this challenging incident.

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