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FATAL STRUCTURE FIRE

On March 19, 2023 at approximately 3:15 am, Vernon Hills Police and the Countryside Fire Protection District responded to a fire alarm for a multi-unit apartment building in the 900 block of S. Court of Shorewood.

As crews were responding, a 911 call was received reporting a fire with possible people trapped. Upon arrival, crews found heavy fire conditions. While working to extinguish the fire and search for people, two victims were located. One adult victim was found deceased, and another adult victim was transported to Advocate Condell Medical Center where they later died. The identities of the victims are unknown at this time.

The fire was extinguished, however the building is uninhabitable. The cause of the fire is being investigated by the Countryside Fire Protection District, Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal and the Vernon Hills Police Department.

The Red Cross is working to provide assistance to displaced occupants.

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