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### Residential Fire Sprinkler System Saves Another Long Grove Home

Countryside Fire Protection District Chief Jim Spiegel today said that on Sunday, October 20, 2002 the District reported that a structure fire in a home under construction in the Preserves of Long Grove was completely extinguished by a residential fire sprinkler system. The home is in Countryside's coverage area. The million dollar home sustained \$600.00 damage in the garage area, where a fire caused by discarded fire place ashes ignited a waste can and a cabinet. When the heat of the fire caused the ceiling temperatures in the garage to exceed 155 degrees two sprinkler heads opened and sprayed water directly onto the fire and fully extinguished it. Building owner, Morris Gadzo heard a noise in the garage and upon entering the garage noticed the sprinkler system spraying water onto the small fire. *"The fire was stopped dead in its tracks by the sprinkler system. The smoke and fire damage was so minor Mr. Gadzo did not request the fire department to respond at the time of the fire"* said Chief Spiegel.

Residential fire sprinkler systems have been required by the Village of Long Grove since 1988 and have recorded many significant property saves. Over 1,000 homes in the Village of Long Grove are protected by residential sprinkler systems. Last year an unoccupied, multi-million dollar home was saved when its sprinkler system put out a garage fire. *"Residential fire sprinkler systems in the Village of Long Grove have saved millions of dollars in property over the last year. Sprinkler systems have also reduced the risk of injury and death to the lives of occupants and firefighters that would be fighting the fires had they not be extinguished by the sprinkler systems"* said Chief Spiegel.

The Countryside Fire Protection District provides fire, rescue and emergency medical services to a 24 square mile district in central Lake County, Illinois. The villages of Hawthorn Woods, Indian Creek, Long Grove and Vernon Hills are serviced by the internationally accredited fire protection district.

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