

PRESS RELEASE FROM THE GLEN ELLYN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



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CARBON MONOXIDE INCIDENT

At 1733 the Glen Ellyn Volunteer Fire Company responded to a report of a possible carbon monoxide incident at Center Ice Arena located at 1N450 Highland Avenue. Glen Ellyn engine 27 arrived on the scene at 1738 and confirmed that there was the presence of Carbon Monoxide in the building. A complete evacuation of the building was initiated. At the time of the call a hockey tournament was underway and the building was heavily occupied, with numerous patrons complaining of headaches, vomiting and dizziness.

Glen Ellyn command initiated a MABAS ambulance box which was upgraded to a second alarm which brought in a total of 6 ambulances from the surrounding communities to assist Glen Ellyn's 2 ambulances on the scene. They also requested the County Mass Casualty Unit respond to provide medical supplies to the units on the scene. At the scene patients were triaged and a total of 13 were transported to local hospitals. (9 to Central DuPage and 4 to Glen Oaks) An additional 29 people were treated and released.

Wheaton, Lombard, Downers Grove, Addison, Villa Park, Winfield, Glenside, Carol Stream and Bloomingdale all assisted. The cause has not been determined at this time.

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