



Village of Mount Prospect **Press Release**



Mount Prospect Fire Department Responds to Vehicle Fire at Bus Depot

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Mount Prospect, IL - On Thursday, March 19, 2026, at approximately 6:07 pm, the Mount Prospect Fire Department responded to a reported vehicle fire at a bus depot in the 1600 block of James Drive. While enroute to the scene, crews were advised that the fire involved an unoccupied school bus, prompting an upgraded response.

Engine 11 arrived on scene in just over four minutes and found a school bus fully engulfed, with the fire having extended to two additional buses. Firefighters from Engine 11 and Engine 12, along with mutual aid from the Arlington Heights Fire Department, worked quickly to contain and extinguish the fire.

Crews remained on scene to conduct overhaul operations and ensure all fire was fully extinguished and discovered that several other buses showed signs of heat damage.

The Elk Grove Village Fire Department also assisted on scene.

The fire remains under investigation, and damage is estimated at over \$400,000. No injuries were reported to residents or firefighters.

“Given the number of buses at the depot, this incident had the potential to be much more significant. Due to the quick response and actions of our crews, the fire was contained to three buses and prevented further damage,” Chief Tom Wang said.

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