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UPDATED PRESS RELEASE

Mount Prospect Police Department Conducting Death Investigation

The following information is an update to the below release provided earlier today. The vehicle involved in the fire was transported via a flatbed tow truck to an indoor facility. There it was forensically examined more thoroughly for trace and other evidence by the Major Case Assistance Team Forensic Unit along with MPPD Technicians. The deceased victim was transported to the Cook County Medical Examiners Office. An Autopsy on the deceased is expected to take place tomorrow morning at that location. Several leads as to the identity of the deceased cannot be positively verified at present. For this reason we are unable to release his probable identity at this time.

At 12:03 AM on Friday, February 16, 2018, the Mount Prospect Police and Fire Departments responded to the report of a car fire in the 1700 block of West Algonquin Road, near the intersection of Dempster Street and Algonquin Road. Police officers initially arrived on the scene within a minute and a half of the call being dispatched and found a vehicle engulfed in flames. Officers attempted to put out the fire with their fire extinguishers but were unsuccessful. The Mount Prospect Fire Department then extinguished the fire upon arrival. At that time, it was discovered that there was a deceased male body inside the vehicle. The fire and death are determined to be suspicious in nature. Mount Prospect Detectives and members of the Major Case Assistance Team worked throughout the night to process forensic evidence at the scene and speak with witnesses. Detectives are working diligently to identify the deceased male and gather further forensic evidence. At this time, there does not appear to be any connection between the vehicle and the location in which it was discovered.

The investigation continues and anyone with information pertaining to this incident should contact the Mount Prospect Police Department Detective Bureau at 847-870-5654. Anonymous tips can be made to Crime Stoppers of Mount Prospect by calling 847-590-7867 or texting MPPD and your tip to 274637. Tips made through Crime Stoppers of Mount Prospect that lead to the arrest and prosecution of the offender(s) could be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

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