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NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

On Thursday August 23, 2018 at 3:41 p.m., the Park Ridge Fire Department was dispatched to 1775 Dempster Street, Lutheran General Hospital, for the hazardous material leak. Upon arrival, Fire Department personnel met with Hospital staff and determined that over 100 gallons of glycol coolant had leaked from a pipe on the 4th floor of the Hospital. Crews determined that the leak had stopped, and began to mitigate the damage to the facility. Air monitoring and isolation of the area began, and patients were relocated from the immediate area. Further inspection found that the spill had traveled to a lower floor and mitigation was done on the 2nd floor as well. Ventilation of the affected floors continued and a private cleanup company arrived on site and took over at approximately 7:02 p.m.

There were no reported injuries to Fire Department personnel, Hospital employees, the patients or the public in this incident. The Park Ridge Fire Department was assisted on scene by companies from the Niles, Morton Grove, and North Maine Fire Departments.

The Wheeling, Elk Grove, Glenview, and Rosemont Fire Departments covered the Park Ridge stations during this incident, handling several emergency calls during the approximately 2 ½ hours that they provided the coverage.

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