

Mobile Ventilation Unit Incident Report

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Carbon Monoxide Leak Sends Three to Hospital Leak Began In South Loop Parking Garage

(STNG) CHICAGO Three people were transported to area hospitals after carbon monoxide began to leak in a South Loop parking garage on Monday afternoon.

A Level 1 Hazardous Materials and EMS Plan 1 response was called at a 43-story high-rise residential building at 1130 S. Michigan Ave., about 2:10 p.m., according to Fire Media Chief Kevin MacGregor.

The leak was caused by a power steam-cleaning machine that being used on the lower level of the two-level parking garage next to the high-rise, he said.

Three workers were transported to area hospitals in "red" or serious to critical condition after carbon monoxide levels became too high in the garage, said MacGregor, who did not know which hospitals. "One person was really critical, while the others were transported in 'red' as a precaution," he said.

Some residents came outside while firemen used the Mobile Ventilation Unit to ventilate the parking garage, he said. Crews were stationed inside of the high-rise to monitor levels and ventilate, MacGregor said. The high-rise building was not evacuated.

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Chicago FD MVU-48 on Ford F-650 Chassis



High-rise residential building at 1130 S. Michigan Ave.



Mobile Ventilation Unit being Off-loaded



Mobile Ventilation Unit Venting Through
Groud Level Garage Entrance