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Fox Valley Ice Arena temporarily evacuated due to smoke, Sept. 24

GENEVA, IL — The Fox Valley Ice Arena was briefly evacuated the morning of Sept. 24, due to smoke in the building.

The Geneva Fire Department, police from the Forest Preserve District of Kane County and the Kane County Sheriff all responded, following an alarm at approximately 6 a.m. Building staff, players and attendees of the One Hockey Central States Tournament were evacuated to a neighboring parking lot, while first responders cleared smoke and checked the building's safety.

Everyone was allowed back in the building around 9 a.m. There were no reports of serious damage or any injuries.

According to a statement from Fox Valley Ice Arena General Manager Craig Welker, with record-high temperatures, the building's compressors were working longer and harder than usual to cool the building and ice. A belt on one of the compressors overheated, and the safety features operated as intended, in response.

The Forest Preserve District of Kane County owns the building, located at 1996 S. Kirk Rd., Geneva. Forest Preserve District headquarters are located on the third floor of the facility.

For more information on the Fox Valley Ice Arena, call 630-262-0690 or see www.fvia.us. More information is available about the Forest Preserve District at 630-232-5980 or www.kaneforest.com.

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