



# SKOKIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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At approximately 5:43 a.m. on Saturday, July 18, 2015, in the 8100 block of Keating Avenue, a 21-year-old male and 18-year-old female were discovered in a garage unconscious and unresponsive. The Skokie Fire Department and Skokie Police Department responded and discovered toxic levels of carbon monoxide present. The investigation revealed that both individuals succumbed to toxic carbon monoxide levels which were caused by a running vehicle inside the garage with insufficient ventilation. The Cook County Medical Examiner's Office was also on scene and later determined the cause of each death to be "accidental" in nature. The investigation uncovered no evidence of foul play.

The Skokie Police and Fire Departments remind the community to ensure proper safeguards are taken when operating combustion engines including automobiles, lawn mowers, power equipment, furnaces or heaters, etc. Only operate such equipment in well-ventilated areas where exhaust gases are properly vented, and according to manufacturer's specifications.