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Car vs Metra Train Accident

N. Plum Grove Road, Palatine, IL

Incident # 0132

January 6, 2016

15:28 hours

On Wednesday, January 06, 2016 at 3:28 p.m., the Palatine Fire Department responded to a report of an accident involving a car and a Metra train on Plum Grove Road north of Palatine Road. The first Palatine Fire Department crews arrived on the scene at 3:31 p.m. and reported that a car had been struck by a Metra commuter train. The initial crews found one patient inside the car with minor injuries. The female patient was treated on the scene and refused transport to the hospital. There were no reported injuries on the Metra train.

A total of 18 firefighters, staffing two engine companies, two ladder companies, one rescue squad, and two ambulances responded to the scene along with three command officers. An engine from the Rolling Meadows Fire Department was among the responding companies as part of an automatic aid agreement. The Palatine Police Department aided with traffic and crowd control. Representatives from the Metra Police Department, Metra, and Union Pacific Railroad were also assisting on the scene.

The accident is under investigation by the Palatine Police Department. Any further inquires or questions should be directed to the Palatine Police Department.

The Palatine Fire Department reminds all drivers to stay alert around railroad crossings and obey all crossing signals. For further information about rail safety and security visit www.metrarail.com

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