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HOUSE FIRE

728 E. Greenwood Ct, Palatine, IL

Incident # 0148

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19:54 hours

On Wednesday, January 7, 2015, at 7:54 p.m., the Palatine Fire Department was called to a report of a bedroom fire at 728 E. Greenwood Ct. in Palatine. The first Palatine Fire Department crews arrived on the scene at 7:59 p.m. and reported light smoke showing from the split-level, single family home. The first fire company entered to investigate while others pulled a hose line as a precaution. Other firefighters stretched a supply line to a fire hydrant in case additional water would be needed for fire attack. Companies found three adult occupants still in the smoke-filled house, and a small fire in a bedroom that had been partially extinguished by the occupants. The occupants were removed and the fire was extinguished by firefighters using portable extinguishers. The fire was out at 8:04 p.m. Firefighters remained on the scene a short time to ventilate smoke and gases and check for possible fire extension.

Three civilians were assessed by paramedics; one was transported with non-life threatening injuries to Northwest Community Hospital by a Palatine Fire Department ambulance and two refused transport. No firefighters were injured in the fire. Only one room had significant damage and the house remained habitable. Damage estimates are not available at the time of this release, and the fire remains under investigation by Palatine Fire Department investigators.

The fire was fought by 24 firefighters, staffing three engines, two ladder trucks, one rescue squad and three ambulances which responded to the scene along with two command officers and two Fire Investigators. During the incident, a unit from the Long Grove Fire Department stood by in a Palatine fire station to provide coverage for any additional calls. Palatine Police officers assisted at the scene with traffic and crowd control.

The Palatine Fire Department reminds everyone to have working smoke detectors in their homes, whether a single-family dwelling, an apartment or a condo. Have an escape plan, practice it, and be prepared to use it in the event of any fire. Do not attempt to fight a fire yourself; you are likely to suffer significant injuries.

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