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Apartment Fire

759 E. Pennsylvania Dr. #5, Palatine IL

Incident # 3650

June 24, 2019

12:07 p.m.

On Monday, June 24, 2019, at 12:07 p.m., the Palatine Fire Department responded to an activated fire alarm in an apartment building at 759 E. Pennsylvania Dr. in Palatine. The first Palatine Fire Department crews arrived on the scene at 12:12 p.m. and were told by the resident that there was a kitchen fire in unit 5 that was extinguished by the building's sprinkler system. The initial fire department crew made access to the third floor apartment and confirmed that the automatic fire sprinkler system completely extinguished the fire and limited fire damage to the kitchen area. The fire was declared under control at 12:16 p.m. Firefighters continued to perform salvage, overhaul, and investigative activities for some time after that.

No civilians or firefighters were injured in the fire which was contained to the apartment's kitchen area. Damage estimates are not available at the time of this release. The cause of the cooking fire has been determined to be accidental in nature.

Automatic fire sprinklers are highly effective and reliable elements of a total fire protection system. When fire sprinklers are present, fires were kept to the room of origin 97 percent of the time (U.S. Experience with Sprinklers, NFPA report, 2017). This fire is an excellent example of automatic fire sprinkler effectiveness.

In addition, the Palatine Fire Department reminds everyone that working smoke alarms save lives. Make sure that your smoke alarms are tested monthly and are less than 10 years old. For more information on fire safety visit www.palatine.il.us or www.NFPA.org.

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