



Palatine Fire Department

Chief Scott Andersen
39 E. Colfax Street • Palatine, IL 60067-5297

Phone: (847) 202-6340
Fax: (847) 202-6320

Press Release

**CONTACT: Battalion Chief Anthony Lavacchi
847.202.6328**

**Deputy Chief Patrick Gratianna
847.202.6340**

Kitchen Fire

303 N. Morris Drive, Palatine, IL

Incident #2072

April 11, 2020

6:47 p.m.

On Saturday, April 11, 2020, at 6:47 p.m., the Palatine Fire Department was called to a reported structure fire at an occupied two-story home located at 303 N. Morris Drive. A Palatine Police Department officer arrived on the scene and reported smoke coming from the building. The officer entered the home and rescued one resident from the lower level. The first Palatine Fire Department crews arrived on the scene at 6:51 p.m. and found heavy smoke coming from the roof. A hose line was pulled and advanced to the second floor where fire companies discovered a fire in the kitchen. The fire crews quickly applied water to extinguish the fire. Other firefighters began removing drywall from the ceiling to expose hidden fire within the attic space. The fire was extinguished with most of the damage confined to the kitchen and attic space above it. Additional fire companies searched the home for any hidden areas of fire spread. The fire was declared under control at 7:09 p.m. Firefighters continued to perform salvage, overhaul, and investigation activities for some time after that.

No civilians or firefighters were injured in the fire which was contained to the home's kitchen. Damage estimates are not available at the time of this release. Palatine Fire Department investigators have determined the cause of the fire to be accidental.

The fire was fought by twenty-one firefighters staffing three engines, two ladder trucks, three ambulances, and one rescue squad. Two command officers and two fire investigators assisted firefighters at the scene. Palatine Police officers assisted at the scene with resident evacuation, traffic and crowd control.

The place where we feel the safest, at home, is where most fire injuries and fire-related deaths occur. Working smoke alarms are the best defense against being injured in a home fire. According to the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA), all homes should have working smoke alarms in and outside each sleeping area and on each floor of the residence. The NFPA also recommends that smoke alarms be tested monthly. Smoke alarms save lives. Make sure your smoke alarms are working and are less than 10 years old. For more information on smoke alarms and fire safety visit www.palatine.il.us or www.nfpa.org/education.

#