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CAR vs. BUILDING ACCIDENT

597 W. Lake Cook Rd, Palatine, IL

March 11, 2016

10:35 hours

On Friday, March 11, 2016 at 10:35 a.m. the Palatine Fire Department responded to a report of an accident with possible entrapment involving a car into a building at 597 W. Lake Cook Rd. in Palatine. The first Palatine Fire Department crew arrived on the scene at 10:40 a.m. and reported a passenger car completely into the building at the Hilltop Animal Hospital. The first fire companies found that the two adult occupants of the vehicle had already exited the auto and that there was no entrapment. One of the patients involved was transported to Northwest Community Hospital with non-life threatening injuries; everyone else involved in the incident denied any injuries. Due to a concern about potential instability of the structure, especially as the car was being removed, firefighters placed emergency shoring as a precaution while the vehicle was pulled out of the facility's waiting room by a tow truck. Once the auto was removed, firefighters (including several on-duty members of the Palatine Fire Department Technical Rescue Team) placed temporary shoring to support the corner of the roof until permanent repairs can be made. An inspector from the Village of Palatine Neighborhood Services also responded to assess the structure, and a restoration contractor was requested to the scene to secure the building. No occupants of the building or animals were injured in the accident, and the business was closed until the building could be made safe for occupancy.

A total of 11 firefighters, staffing one engine company, one tower ladder truck, one rescue squad, and two ambulances responded to the scene along with two command officers. Units from the Palatine Rural Fire District and Arlington Heights Fire Department were among the responders to the scene as part of automatic aid agreements.

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

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