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Exterior Fire

615 E. Dundee Rd.

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00:43 hours

On Friday, March 12, 2016 at 12:43 a.m., the Palatine Fire Department was dispatched to a report of a dumpster fire near the building behind the Deer Grove Center strip mall on East Dundee Rd. in Palatine. While en route to the scene fire companies were advised that police were confirming the fire, and reporting that it had extended to the building and the incident was upgraded to a working fire response. The first Palatine Fire Department crews arrived on the scene at 12:48 a.m. and reported a significant exterior fire directly impinging on the structure. Firefighters pulled a hose line and began a direct attack on the fire. The crew also noted a large construction dumpster near the scene was also on fire. Other firefighters pulled a hose line from a second engine to attack that fire. Firefighters accessed the exposed building and searched to ensure that there were no trapped occupants and to check for interior extension of the fire. A tower ladder was assigned to access the roof of the building to ensure there was no extension there, as the flames were up to the roof line of the building on the fire crews' arrival. The fires were both under control by 12:58 a.m. Firefighters remained on the scene for some time after that, overhauling and ventilating smoke from the building, which was being renovated. The fire caused significant exterior damage to the building, but did not extend to the interior. No civilians or firefighters were injured in the fire. Damage estimates are not available at the time of this release.

Palatine Fire Department investigators were on the scene, and were working with Palatine Police to determine the cause of the fire. The fire was fought by 22 firefighters manning three engines, two ladder trucks, one rescue squad, and three ambulances along with 3 command officers. An ambulance from the Arlington Heights Fire Department responded as part of an automatic mutual aid agreement, and an ambulance from the Long Grove Fire District stood by in a Palatine station in the event of any additional calls. Palatine Police officers assisted at the scene.

The Palatine Fire Department reminds residents to never try to fight a fire yourself. If you see a fire inside a building, get out and call 9-1-1. If you see a fire outside a building, stay away and call the Fire Department at 9-1-1.

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