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HOUSE FIRE

1065 N. Smith St., Palatine, IL

Incident # 4631

August 18, 2020 at 00:04 hours

On Tuesday, August 18, 2020, at 00:04 a.m., the Palatine Fire Department responded to a report of a fire at 1065 N. Smith St. in Palatine. The first Palatine Fire Department unit arrived on the scene four minutes later and reported fire showing from the side of a two-story, single-family home. Police officers met with the residents and reported that everyone was out of the house, with the exception of the family pets. The first fire companies pulled two hose lines for a coordinated attack on the fire, while other firefighters stretched a supply line to a fire hydrant and searched the house for any hidden fire and the pets. Other crews provided scene lighting and provided emergency medical standby. The fire was declared under control at 00:29 a.m. Firefighters continued to check void spaces for hidden fire and to ventilate smoke for some time after that.

No civilians or firefighters were injured in the fire, which left the residence uninhabitable due to smoke damage, displacing four occupants. The missing pets were located and rescued by fire department crews. Damage estimates are not available at the time of this release, and the fire remains under investigation by Palatine Fire Department Fire Investigators.

The fire was fought by 21 firefighters, staffing four engines, one ladder truck, one rescue squad and three ambulances, which responded to the scene along with four command officers. Units from the Buffalo Grove Fire Department were among the responders to the scene as part of automatic and mutual aid agreements. During the incident, a unit from the Arlington Heights Fire Dept. 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 delay exiting the fire in order to search for pets or any other belongings.

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