Press Release

CAR WASH FIRE
1490 N. Quentin Rd., Palatine, IL
Incident # 1501
March 18, 2021
08:30 hours

On Thursday, March 18, 2021, at 8:30 a.m., the Palatine Fire Department responded to a report of a fire at 1490 N. Quentin Rd. in unincorporated Palatine. The first Palatine Fire Department unit arrived on the scene three minutes later and reported a car wash at the Mobil gas station completely engulfed in flames.   Initial responding crews deployed several hoselines to extinguish the fire. Crews had water on the fire within three minutes of arrival and the fire was under control at 8:53 a.m. Initial crews confirmed with the gas station attendant that the car wash was unoccupied; this was also confirmed through the use of a thermal imaging camera.   The fuel pumps were shut down by the gas station attendant prior to fire department arrival. Firefighters continued to check for and extinguish any hidden fire.

No civilians or firefighters were injured in the fire. There was significant damage to the car wash. After the fire was extinguished, the gas station remained closed until the gas and electric can be safely restored. Damage estimates are not available at the time of this release, and the fire remains under investigation by Palatine Fire Department investigators.

The fire was fought by 22 firefighters, staffing four engines, one tower ladder, and three ambulances, which responded to the scene along with three command officers. During the incident, a unit from the Long Grove Fire Protection District stood by in a Palatine fire station to provide coverage for any additional calls. Palatine Police officers and the Cook County Sheriff's Department assisted at the scene with traffic and crowd control.

This fire was called in by a passerby. If you are driving and notice a structure fire, please pull over when safe to do so and call 911 to report the emergency.

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