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Press Release

Apartment Balcony Fire

1201 E. Prairie Brook Dr., Palatine, IL

Incident # 1622

March 22, 2021

23:21 hours

On Monday, March 22, 2021, at 23:21 p.m., the Palatine Fire Department responded to a report of a fire at 1201 E. Prairie Brook Dr. in Palatine, called in by a building occupant. While enroute, the call was upgraded due to Police reporting heavy smoke upon their arrival. The first Palatine Fire Department unit arrived on the scene five minutes later and reported a small fire on the 3rd floor balcony. Initial responding crews deployed a pressurized water extinguisher and a hose line to extinguish the fire. Crews had water on the fire within two minutes of arrival and the fire was under control at 23:35 p.m. Initial crews confirmed the fire unit was unoccupied. Firefighters continued to check for and extinguish any hidden fire, perform ventilation, overhaul, and investigative activities for some time after that.

No civilians or firefighters were injured in the fire. There was moderate damage to the balcony and exterior of the building. No residents were displaced due to the damage from this fire. Damage estimates are not available at the time of this release, and the fire remains under investigation by Palatine Fire Department investigators.

The emergency response brought 19 firefighters, staffing three engines, one tower ladder, and three ambulances, which responded to the scene along with one command officer. Palatine Police officers assisted at the scene with traffic and crowd control.

Smoking materials are the leading cause of fire deaths. Smoking material fires are preventable. Do not discard cigarettes in vegetation such as mulch, potted plants, leaves, or other things that could ignite easily. Before you throw away butts and ashes, make sure they are out, and dousing in water or sand is the best way to do that (NFPA 2016).

The Palatine Fire Department reminds everyone that working smoke alarms save lives. Make sure that your smoke alarms are tested monthly and are less than 10 years old. For more information on fire safety visit www.palatine.il.us or www.NFPA.org.

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