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Press Release

COMMERCIAL FIRE

75 W. Northwest Highway, Palatine, IL

Incident # 21-06067

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

10:07 Hours

On Wednesday, October 6, 2021, at 10:07 a.m., the Palatine Fire Department responded to a report of a fire at 75 W. Northwest Highway in Palatine. The first Palatine Fire Department unit arrived on the scene four minutes later and reported smoke coming from the roofline of the commercial structure. Initial responding crews met with the employees who reported a fire in the kitchen. The initial fire crew quickly investigated and found a fire involving a commercial fryer. Fire crews activated the commercial fire suppression system to extinguish a majority of the fire. Multiple fire extinguishers were also used to aid in extinguishment. Additional crews searched the building and confirmed there were no victims. Other crews checked the roof and above the ceiling spaces for hidden fire, and provide ventilation for smoke and toxic gases for some time after that. The fire was declared under control at 10:15 a.m.

No civilians or firefighters were injured in the fire. Due to smoke and fire damage, the business will remain closed until cleanup and repairs are completed. Damage estimates are not available at the time of this release. The fire was investigated by Palatine Fire Department Investigators and ruled as an accidental fire in the commercial fryer, which was in use at the time of the fire.

The fire was fought by 26 firefighters, staffing six engines, one ladder truck, and three ambulances, which responded to the scene along with four command officers. During the incident Palatine Rural Fire Protection District and Rolling Meadows Fire Department provided engines to the scene. Palatine Police officers assisted at the scene with traffic and crowd control.

The Palatine Fire Department reminds everyone to have an escape plan, practice it, and be prepared to use it in the event of a fire, and do not delay exiting the building. Keep a working ABC fire extinguisher in the kitchen area for use with cooking fires.

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