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GARAGE FIRE

727 E. Stark Drive, Palatine, IL.

Incident # 22-04322

Sunday, July 3, 2022

0150 hours

On Sunday, July 3, 2022, at 1:50 a.m., the Palatine Fire Department responded to the report of a fire at 727 E. Stark Drive in Palatine. The first Palatine Fire Department unit arrived on the scene three minutes later and reported smoke and fire coming from the attached garage. Initial responding crews met with the residents who reported that everyone was out of the house. The initial fire crews gained access to the garage and deployed a hose line to extinguish the fire and check for fire extension. Additional crews searched the house and confirmed there were no victims or fire spread inside the home. The fire was declared under control at 2:05 a.m. and firefighters continued to check for hidden fire and ventilate smoke and toxic gases for some time after that.

One civilian was transported as a result of the fire. No firefighters were injured during this incident. Due to the quick actions of fire department personnel, the fire was contained to the attached garage. Although there was some smoke damage inside the home, the residence remained inhabitable. Damage estimates are not available at the time of this release. Palatine Fire Department Investigators determined this fire originated in bags of mulch that were stacked in the garage.

The fire was fought by 23 firefighters, staffing four engines, one ladder truck, one rescue squad, and three ambulances, which responded to the scene along with four command officers. During the incident, a unit from the Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District stood by in Palatine Fire Station 82 to provide coverage for any additional calls. Palatine Police officers assisted at the scene with traffic and crowd control. Representatives from ComEd and NICOR also assisted during this incident.

The Palatine Fire Department reminds everyone to have working smoke alarms in their homes, whether a single-family dwelling, an apartment, or a condominium. In homes with attached garages, keep the service door between the home and garage closed at all times. Working smoke alarms and a closed service door to the garage limited the damage from this fire.

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