



Palatine Fire Department

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House Fire

568 S. Oak St., Palatine, IL.

Incident # 23-01460

Monday, February 27, 2023

2011 hours

On Monday, February 27, 2023, at 8:11 p.m., the Palatine Police and Fire Departments responded to 568 S. Oak St. in Palatine for the report of an outside fire. Palatine Police arrived on the scene and reported that the side of the house was on fire, and the incident was upgraded to a structure fire response. The first Palatine Fire Department crew arrived on the scene four minutes after the initial alarm and reported smoke and fire coming from the rear of the house. As the first fire crew completed a walk-around of the structure, the fire officer stated the house appeared to be vacant and under renovation with fire showing from the basement. The initial fire crews deployed hose lines to the rear of the house to extinguish the fire. Other crews opened the front of the house and used thermal imaging cameras to check for victims. The fire was contained to the basement and crawlspace and declared under control at 8:28 p.m. A primary search of the building confirmed there were no victims and no fire extension to the other floors.

No firefighters or civilians were injured in the fire, and due to the quick actions of the Palatine Fire Department, the fire was contained to the basement and crawlspace. Damage estimates are not available at the time of this release. Palatine Fire Investigators determined the fire to be accidental and caused by construction work.

The fire was fought by 28 firefighters, staffing four (4) engines, one (1) ladder truck, one (1) rescue squad, and four (4) ambulances, which responded to the scene along with four (4) command officers. In addition to the Palatine Fire Department crews, Rolling Meadows Fire Department crews assisted at the scene. During the incident, a Long Grove Fire Protection District ambulance stood by at Palatine Fire Station 82 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. The initial response to this call was generated by a neighbor who reported smoke; there were no working smoke detectors in the home.

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