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Press Release

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ATTACHED GARAGE FIRE

575 W. Helen Road, Palatine, IL

Incident # 2429

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3:49 p.m.

On Tuesday, April 28, 2015, at 3:49 p.m., the Palatine Fire Department was called to a report of a fire in an attached garage in a house under construction at 575 W. Helen Rd. in Palatine. The first Palatine Fire Department crews arrived on the scene at 3:52 p.m. and reported heavy fire in the garage of the 2 story single-family home. The first fire company pulled a hose line for rapid fire suppression, while subsequent crews pulled an additional hose line to the interior of the house to control fire extension in the house and search for any potential victims. Other firefighters stretched a supply line to a fire hydrant and pulled a third hose line to assist with the fire attack. Other fire crews checked the attic and other void spaces for fire extension and provided for emergency medical coverage. The fire was declared under control at 4:03 p.m. Firefighters continued to ventilate smoke and gases and perform salvage and overhaul activities for some time after that.

No civilians or firefighters were injured in the fire. 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 24 firefighters, staffing three engines, two ladder trucks, one rescue squad and three ambulances which responded to the scene along with three command officers and two Fire Investigators. Crews from the Palatine Rural Fire Protection District and the Rolling Meadows Fire Department were among the responders to the scene as part of an automatic mutual aid agreement. During the incident, a unit from the Long Grove Fire Department stood by in a Palatine fire station 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 that buildings undergoing construction, demolition or renovation can be susceptible to fires, with open void spaces, exposed structural members and combustible materials on the scene. Be careful around construction sites and as always, be aware of exits from the building.

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