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House Fire

1168 North Del Mar Drive, Palatine, IL.

Incident #23-04364

Monday, June 26, 2023

08:23 hours

On Monday, June 26, 2023, at 8:23 a.m., the Palatine Fire Department responded to 1168 North Del Mar Drive in Palatine for the report of a structure fire. The first Palatine Fire Department unit arrived three minutes after the initial alarm and reported smoke and fire coming from the side and roof of the house. The alarm was upgraded to a structure fire response. The initial fire crews deployed one hose line to the exterior of the house and another hose line to the interior for fire extinguishment. Other crews used thermal imaging cameras to check for victims. All residents were safely located outside of the house. The fire was contained to the second floor and attic and declared under control at 8:49 a.m. A primary search of the home discovered four cats that were returned to the homeowner. Crews performed salvage to protect items on the first floor from further damage and overhauled void spaces to determine that no further fire existed.

No firefighters or civilians were injured in the fire. Damage estimates are not available at the time of this release.

Palatine Fire Department investigators have determined the fire to be accidental and was caused by plumbing work being done in a second-floor bathroom.

The fire was fought by 22 firefighters, staffing four engines, one ladder truck, one rescue squad, and three ambulances, which responded to the scene along with four command officers. The Buffalo Grove Fire Department responded to the scene as part of an automatic aid agreement. During the incident, a Barrington 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 it is 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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