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STRUCTURE FIRE

1905 N. Hicks Road, Palatine, IL

Incident # 5031

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17:06 hours

On Sunday, August 21, 2016 at 5:06 p.m., the Palatine Fire Department was called for a report of smoke coming out of a second floor storage room at 1905 N. Hicks Road in Palatine. The first Palatine Fire Department crews arrived on the scene at 5:09 p.m. and reported light smoke showing from the second story of the two story, 8-unit, condominium building. The first fire companies investigated the source of the smoke and found a fire in the outside storage room of unit 207. Further investigation revealed that the fire had extended into the storage room of unit 107. Firefighters had to open walls and ceilings to expose the fire and were able to put it out with a water fire extinguisher. The fire was declared under control at 5:24 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, which caused minor damage to two units and left one untenable. 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 22 firefighters, staffing three engines, two ladder trucks, one rescue squad and three ambulances which responded to the scene along with 2 command officers and two Fire Investigators. A unit from the Arlington Heights Fire Department was among the initial responders to the scene as part of an automatic 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 to have working smoke detectors in their homes, whether a single-family dwelling, an apartment or a condo. Have an escape plan, practice it, and be prepared to use it in the event of any fire.

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