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House Fire

1855 N. Hicks Rd., Palatine, IL.

Incident #24-02018

Thursday, March 21, 2024

22:38 hours

On Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 10:38 p.m., the Palatine Fire Department responded to 1855 N Hicks Rd. in Palatine for the report of a structure fire. The alarm was upgraded to a structure fire response while fire companies were en route based on reports of large amounts of smoke coming from the building. The first Palatine Fire Department unit arrived four minutes after the initial alarm and reported smoke and fire coming from the vacant and boarded-up home. The initial fire crews deployed three hose lines to the exterior of the house for fire extinguishment. All firefighting operations were completed from the exterior of this vacant and boarded-up structure. There was extensive fire damage throughout the structure. The fire was declared under control at 11:02 p.m. Crews performed exterior overhaul to expose any hidden fire.

No civilians or firefighters were injured during this incident. The fire is currently under investigation and damage estimates are not available at this time.

The fire was fought by twenty-five firefighters, staffing four engines, one ladder truck, one rescue squad, and three ambulances, which responded to the scene along with four command officers. The Lake Zurich Fire Protection District responded with a fire engine to the scene, and the Arlington Heights and Buffalo Grove Fire Departments each responded with an ambulance as part of an automatic aid agreement. The Rolling Meadows Fire Department responded with one command officer. During the incident, a Village of 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 alarms in their homes, whether it is a single-family dwelling, an apartment, or a condo. For more fire safety tips visit <https://www.palatine.il.us/796/Community-Risk-Reduction> and <https://www.nfpa.org/Education-and-Research/Home-Fire-Safety>

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