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STRUCTURE FIRE

**1550 E. Dundee Rd.
Incident # 7962
December 29, 2014
19:26 hours**

On Monday, December 29, 2014 at 7:26 p.m., the Palatine Fire Department was called to a report of a fire, at 1550 E. Dundee Road in Palatine. The first Palatine Fire Department crews arrived on the scene at 7:31 p.m. and reported smoke coming from a first floor elevator equipment room of the 6-story Holiday Inn Express hotel. Smoke from the fire was noted in the first floor lobby and on all floors above the fire area. The first fire companies pulled a hose line and used dry chemical extinguishers to extinguish the fire. Other fire companies stretched a supply line to a fire hydrant and performed ventilation of the structure. Still other firefighters accessed all stairwells and searched the floors above the fire for any trapped occupants. The fire was declared under control at 7:40 p.m. Firefighters continued to ventilate smoke and gases and perform salvage and overhaul activities for some time after that.

The 160 room hotel was occupied at the time of the fire and all occupants exited safely. No civilians or firefighters were injured in the fire, which left the buildings elevators out of service. 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 28 firefighters, staffing three engines, three ladder trucks, one rescue squad and three ambulances which responded to the scene along with three command officers and two Fire Investigators. Units from the Arlington Heights and Buffalo Grove Fire Departments were 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.

The Palatine Fire Department reminds everyone to evacuate the building when the fire alarm activates. Review the evacuation plans posted in hotel rooms and be familiar with exits and stairwell locations in the event of an emergency.

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