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STRUCTURE FIRE

1456 North Waterbury Circle, Palatine
Incident # 14-0001019
February 11, 2014
3:37 a.m.

On Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 3:47 A.M., the Palatine Fire Department was called to a report of a fire at 1456 North Waterbury Circle in Palatine. The first Palatine Fire Department crews arrived on the scene at 3:52 a.m. and reported heavy fire and smoke on the second floor of the townhouse. The first arriving fire companies attacked the fire with hose lines and searched for any possible occupants. The fire was contained to the second floor and partial attic space. The first floor sustained considerable water and smoke damage and the address is deemed to be uninhabitable. Firefighters had to open numerous walls and ceilings in adjacent units to check for fire extension. The fire was declared under control at 0420 a.m. No working smoke detectors were found in the fire unit.

The homeowner sustained minor burns to her lower legs and was treated and transported to the hospital. 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 four engines, one ladder truck, one rescue squad and three ambulances which responded to the scene along with three command officers and two Fire Investigators. 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 also.

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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