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Apartment Fire

325 N. Northwest Highway, Palatine, IL

Incident #25-8684

Friday, December 5, 2025

18:31 hours

On Friday, December 5, 2025, at 6:31 p.m., the Palatine Fire Department responded to an activated fire alarm at a two-story multi-use building located at 325 N. Northwest Highway in Palatine. While units were responding, Northwest Central Dispatch advised that a caller was reporting an active fire in the building.

Units arrived on the scene three minutes later and reported fire showing from a second-floor apartment in the rear of the structure. The alarm was immediately upgraded to a working fire. Crews advanced hose lines, located the fire, and brought it quickly under control. The fire was out fifteen minutes after the arrival of the first unit. Firefighters used thermal-imaging cameras to conduct primary searches throughout the building; no victims were found. Overhaul operations confirmed the fire was contained to the single apartment of origin, with no extension into other units. No emergency responders or civilians were injured during this incident.

ComEd and Nicor Gas responded to assist with isolating utilities to the affected unit.

Fire Investigators completed an origin and cause investigation before releasing the property back to management. The cause of the fire remains under investigation. Damage estimates were unavailable at the time of this release.

The fire was fought by 25 firefighters staffing four engines, one ladder truck, one rescue squad, and four ambulances, which responded to the scene along with four command officers. The Palatine Fire Department was supported by fire companies from the Arlington Heights and Rolling Meadows Fire Departments. Palatine Police officers provided traffic and crowd control.

The Palatine Fire Department reminds everyone to have working smoke detectors in their homes, whether they live in a single-family dwelling, an apartment, or a condominium. For more information on fire safety, visit <https://www.palatine.il.us/431/Public-Education>

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