

Palatine Fire Department

Incident Press Release



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450 West Palatine Road
Apartment Fire

On Monday, April 15, 2013 at 5:09 P.M., the Palatine fire Department responded to a second floor apartment fire with reports of children still in the apartment. Palatine Police officers arrived first and confirmed one occupant was still unaccounted for. First arriving fire department units found heavy heat and smoke and immediately entered the apartment for rescue. As fire crews worked to extinguish the fire, the search crew found a 13 year old female in a closed bathroom, conscious but needing immediate medical care. She was taken to Northwest Community Hospital for treatment. The fire was under control with 20 minutes and was contained to the second floor apartment which was heavily damaged and deemed uninhabitable. No other apartments were affected. No other injuries were reported.

The cause of the fire is under investigation by the Palatine Fire Department. Damage is estimated at \$75,000.

The Palatine Fire Department reminds all residents to have working smoke detectors in their homes. With this incident, working smoke detectors are credited in helping alert occupants of neighboring apartments and call for help.