

Palatine Fire Department

Incident Press Release



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102 N. Rohlwing Road House Fire

On Monday, February 18, 2013 at 10:22 p.m., the Palatine Fire Department responded to a report of a fire at 102 N. Rohlwing Rd. in Palatine. The first Palatine Fire Department crews arrived on the scene in less than 5 minutes and reported smoke showing from a second floor window in the 2-story, wood frame single family home. The first fire companies pulled a 1 ¾" hose line to attack the fire, while other firefighters stretched a supply line to a fire hydrant and pulled a second 1 ¾" hose line into the house to support the initial attack line. Still other firefighters accessed the roof and cut a ventilation hole to release heat, smoke and fire gases. Although initial reports were that all occupants had escaped, firefighters still searched the house for any possible remaining occupants, and removed one dog found inside. Crews also laddered the building and provided for emergency medical coverage. The fire was declared under control at 10:42 p.m. Firefighters continued to ventilate smoke and gases and perform extensive salvage and overhaul activities for some time after that.

The home was occupied by five residents who were at home at the time of the fire. All occupants and one dog escaped the fire prior to the Fire Department's arrival; a second dog was removed by firefighters. Palatine Police officers assisted at the scene with traffic and crowd control. No civilians or firefighters were injured.

The fire was fought by 24 firefighters, staffing three engines, two ladder trucks, one rescue squad and three ambulances which responded to the scene along with four command officers. Units from the Rolling Meadows Fire Department were among the responders to the scene, and an ambulance from the Long Grove Fire Protection District covered a Palatine fire station during the incident, all as part of automatic aid agreements. The house sustained significant damage to the second floor bedrooms. The house also had smoke damage throughout, as well as some water damage. The home was not tenable for the occupants. At the time of this release, the cause of the fire remains under investigation and damage estimates are not yet available.

The Palatine Fire Department reminds everyone to have working smoke detectors in their homes, to be sure to have furnaces and heating appliances checked before the heating season, and to use care when burning candles.

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