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STRUCTURE FIRE

656 S. Warren Ave, Palatine, IL

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09:41 hours

On Saturday, July 27, 2013 at 9:41 a.m. the Palatine Fire Department was called to a report of a garage fire at 656 S. Warren Ave. in Palatine. The first Palatine Fire Department crews arrived on the scene at 9:47 a.m. and reported heavy smoke coming from the 1 ½ story, 2 ½-car detached garage. The first fire companies pulled a hose line and began an aggressive attack, while other firefighters stretched a supply line to a fire hydrant and pulled an additional hose line to support the attack. Still other firefighters forced entry through the overhead garage door to expose the fire, while other crews accessed the attic and roof to vent smoke, heat and fire gases and to attack fire that had extended into the attic space of the garage. The fire was declared under control at 9:57 a.m. Firefighters continued to perform extensive salvage and overhaul activities for some time after that due to a large amount of storage in the garage.

No civilians or firefighters were injured in the fire, which heavily damaged the garage. 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 22 firefighters, staffing three engines, two ladder trucks, one rescue squad and three ambulances which responded to the scene along with three command officers. Units from the Arlington Heights Fire Department 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 with traffic and crowd control.

The Palatine Fire Department reminds everyone that fires can and do occur in garages, sheds and other outbuildings. Be aware of materials that are stored there, and be especially careful with storage of any flammable or combustible liquids.

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