

Palatine Fire Department

Incident Press Release

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1306 Turtle Creek Apartment Fire

On Saturday, July 10, 2010, at 7:29 a.m., the Palatine Fire Department responded to a report of a kitchen fire at 1306 Turtle Creek Drive, Unit E on the third floor. The first Palatine Fire Department crew arrived on the scene 3 minutes later and reported heavy smoke coming from a third floor apartment and roof of the 6-unit building. The first engine crew entered the building with a 1 ¾ inch hose line to make an aggressive interior attack of the fire. A second hose line was brought in by additional crews and the fire was brought under control within 17 minutes of the Fire Departments arrival. The fire caused significant damage to the fire unit and attic above, and smoke damage to the unit across the hall. There was water damage to the units below and all residents of the five occupied units were displaced.

There was a resident of the fire unit home at the time of the fire, but she exited prior to fire department arrival. Palatine Police officers evacuated the first and second floor residents, but could not make it to the third floor due to the heavy amount of smoke. The last of the residents were leaving as the first Palatine fire engine arrived.

26 members of the Palatine Fire Department along with crews from the Arlington Heights, Hoffman Estates, Barrington, Mt. Prospect, Buffalo Grove and Schaumburg Fire Departments responded to the scene.

Palatine's Emergency Management Fire Rehab Team was called to the scene as a result of the incident being upgraded to a box alarm level. The Fire Rehab Team had 17 members respond to take care of the rehabilitation needs of firefighters. Two firefighters suffered symptoms of minor heat exhaustion and were treated at the scene.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

The Palatine Fire Department stresses the importance of making sure all residents have a working smoke detector. Batteries in smoke detectors should be changed twice yearly and families should plan together on what to do if they have a fire in their home or apartment.

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