Palatine Fire Department

Incident Press Release

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Kitchen Fire

On Friday June 11th, 2010 at 4:17 p.m., the Palatine Fire Department responded to a report of a kitchen fire at 2090 North Ginger Creek Drive in Palatine. The first units arrived on the scene within 5 minutes of the call and found gray smoke showing from the garage of the 4-unit quad townhome. The crew stretched a 1 ¾" hose line from their engine, entered the structure and extinguished the fire in the kitchen of that unit. Additional firefighters searched the fire unit and adjoining units, established water supply, performed salvage and overhaul, provided EMS, safety and other support functions. Fire damage was isolated and confined to the kitchen. There were no injuries reported to occupants or firefighters. The unit was occupied by three adults only one of whom was home at the time of the fire and he had evacuated prior to the arrival of the fire department. The fire was declared under control at 4:31 p.m.

A total of 20 firefighters from both Palatine and Arlington Heights Fire Departments manning two engines, two ladder trucks, a rescue squad and two ambulances responded to the scene, along with 2 command officers and traffic control was provided by officers from the Palatine Police Department. Damage is initially estimated at $20,000 to the structure and contents and the occupants of the fire unit did not require assistance in finding a place to stay. The fire appeared to have been accidental in nature; the preliminary investigation revealed the cause was a gas leak behind the stove.

The Palatine Fire Department reminds residents of the importance of never leaving anything unattended while cooking. Never put water on a grease fire; use a lid to smother the fire if you are able to safely. For more information, contact our Public Education Office at (847) 202-6302.

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