

Palatine Fire Department

Incident Press Release

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1236 N. Rosewood Ct. House Fire

On Sunday, June 27, 2010 at 9:34 a.m., the Palatine Fire Department responded to a report of an attic fire at a home located at 1236 N. Rosewood Ct. The first unit arrived on the scene less than 5 minutes later and reported smoke and flames coming from the roof of the 2-story, single-family wood frame dwelling. The first engine crew entered the building to investigate and found a fire in the attic. They stretched a 1 ¾" hose line and attacked the fire from below while the crew of the tower ladder went to the roof to access and extinguish fire burning in the roof deck, roofing materials and rafters. Other crews performed salvage and overhaul operations, raised ladders and provided rapid intervention capability and emergency medical standby. The fire, which was declared under control at 9:55 a.m., caused significant damage to the roof and attic, and minor water damage in the main living areas of the house. After the fire was controlled firefighters covered the hole in the roof to prevent further water damage from any subsequent rains. The house remained habitable for its occupants. Damage estimates are still being determined at the time of this release.

Crews from the Palatine Fire Department and the Palatine Rural Fire District responded to this fire under a mutual response agreement between the departments. A total of 24 firefighters, 2 command staff members and 2 fire investigators were on the scene, staffing 3 engines, 2 ladder trucks, 3 ambulances, a rescue squad and a command vehicle. There were 4 residents in the house at the time of the fire, all had evacuated prior to the arrival of the Fire Department. The cause of the fire was determined to be a lightning strike to the roof of the house. One firefighter suffered a minor eye injury at the incident; he was transported to Northwest Community Hospital where he was treated and released back to duty. No civilians were injured.

The Palatine Fire Departments reminds residents that storms can be dangerous in a number of ways, from lightning strikes to flash flooding high winds. A NOAA Weather Alert radio can give early warning of impending severe weather in time for you to seek shelter. We encourage residents to consider purchasing one for their homes.

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