Palatine Fire Department

Incident Press Release

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445 E. Colfax St.
Garage Fire

On Monday, April 5, 2010 at 1:59 a.m. the Palatine Fire Department responded to a report of a garage fire at the above address in Palatine. Despite access to the scene being hampered by street construction in the area, the first units arrived on the scene in less than 5 minutes and found a 2-car detached wood frame garage fully involved in fire. The first-arriving crew cut away fencing to rescue a dog trapped in a kennel attached to the garage, while another crew stretched a 2 ½" hoseline to attack the fire. Additional crews pulled another hoseline to assist in the fire attack, while other crews checked for fire extension in the house. The fire was declared under control at 2:19 a.m. The fire was reported by numerous passers-by. There were no injuries to the residents or firefighters, and the dog was transported to Golf Rose Animal Hospital in Schaumburg by a Palatine Police officer, but succumbed to its injuries.

A total of 13 firefighters manning one engine, two ladder trucks, a rescue squad, and an ambulance were on the scene, along with one command officer and two fire investigators. Palatine Police Department officers handled traffic and crowd control. ComEd also responded to the fire scene and secured electrical wires that had come down as a result of the fire. Damage estimates are unavailable at the time of this release, and the fire remains under investigation by Palatine Fire Department investigators. The garage was destroyed by the fire, but the house sustained only minor damage.

The Palatine Fire Department again reminds residents to be sure flammable and combustible liquids and gases such as gasoline, kerosene, propane and the like are kept in approved containers and away from sparks, flames such as pilot lights or other heat sources. All homes are required to have smoke detectors; make sure yours are working today.

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