



Palatine Fire Department

Incident Press Release

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2100 N. Hicks Rd. Structure Fire

On Thursday, May 28, 2009 at 9:39 p.m. the Palatine Fire Department responded to a report of an activated fire alarm at the UPS facility at the above address in Palatine. As the first units arrived on the scene less than 3 minutes later, Northwest Central Dispatch center was upgrading the response to a reported structure fire after receiving a call from the premises of a fire at the facility. First-arriving units found heavy fire and smoke from several truck docks on the east side of the building, extending to one semi trailer and into the building through the open truck dock overhead door, with employees evacuating from the facility. The first-arriving crew stretched a 2½" hoseline to attack the fire, while additional crews checked the interior of the building and an attached soffit directly above the fire area for further fire extension. Other fire crews performed ventilation, reconnaissance, and rapid intervention operations. All occupants of the building safely evacuated without assistance from the Fire Department. The fire was declared under control at 9:54 p.m. with damage contained to the exterior of the building and the trailer that was involved on the Fire Department's arrival. There were no injuries to employees or firefighters. UPS personnel and firefighters continued to ventilate the building to remove all smoke, and employees were allowed back in to finish their shift. The facility remains in operation. The cause of the fire is under investigation by Palatine Fire Department investigators, and damage estimates are not available at this time.

A total of 21 firefighters manning two engines, three ladder trucks, a rescue squad, and two ambulances were on the scene, along with three command officers and two fire investigators. Crews from the Long Grove Fire District assisted at the incident under an automatic aid agreement.

The Palatine Fire Department again reminds residents that fires can occur at the workplace. Make sure you know what to do if a fire alarm sounds while you're at work. Know your nearest exits, and make sure you're familiar with your employer's emergency plans. If you have any questions, please call the Palatine Fire Department Public Education Division at (847) 202-6302.

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