



Palatine Fire Department

Incident Press Release

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1164 South Brockway Street Palatine House Fire

On Thursday, August 14, 2008 at 2:50 a.m. the Palatine Fire Department responded to a report of a possible house fire in the 1100 block of South Brockway Street. The first units arrived on the scene in 5 minutes and found a large volume of fire isolated to a small single family residence which was unoccupied at the time of the fire. The first-arriving fire crews stretched two preconnected 2 1/2" hoselines to attack the fire. Other crews searched the house for any occupants and checked for fire extension, while still others conducted salvage, emergency medical and rapid intervention operations. The fire was controlled within 34 minutes of the Fire Department's arrival. There was very significant fire, heat and smoke damage throughout the house, which was left untenable. The house is occupied by two adults and one child, none of whom was home at the time of the fire. No firefighters were injured in the incident.

A total of 21 firefighters manning three engines, two ladder trucks, one rescue squad and two ambulances were on the scene, along with 3 command officers and two fire investigators. Rolling Meadows Fire Department and Palatine Rural Fire Department assisted Palatine Fire Department at this incident. Damage estimates are unavailable at the time of this release, and the fire remains under investigation by Palatine Fire Department investigators.

The severity of the damage caused by this fire can be contributed to no one being home at the time of the fire which allowed the fire to spread for a significant time before being detected by a neighbor. If you have any questions, please call the Palatine Fire Department Public Education Division at (847) 202-6302.

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