Palatine Fire Department

Incident Press Release

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364 N. Everett Drive Palatine
House Fire

On Friday, June 13, 2008 at 4:46 p.m. the Palatine Fire Department responded to a report of a possible house fire in the 300 block of N. Everett Dr. The first units arrived on the scene in 4 minutes and found smoke pushing out of the chimney. Further investigation revealed a fire in the house. The first-arriving fire crew stretched a 1 ¾" hoseline to attack the fire, while another crew pulled a second 1 ¾" hoseline to back up the first. Other crews broke windows and ventilated the roof to release the heavy heat and smoke, 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 twenty 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, neither of whom was home at the time of the fire. No firefighters were injured in the incident, but two pet cats were killed in the fire.

A total of 18 firefighters manning two engines, two ladder trucks, one rescue squad and two ambulances were on the scene, along with 3 command officers and two fire investigators. . Damage estimates are unavailable at the time of this release, and the fire remains under investigation by Palatine Fire Department investigators.

The Palatine Fire Departments reminds residents to make sure they have smoke detectors, and to test the detectors to ensure they are in proper working condition. If you notice a fire in your dwelling, get out immediately and stay out. Do not re-enter to try to save belongings or pets. If you have any questions, please call the Palatine Fire Department Public Education Division at (847) 202-6302.

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