Palatine Fire Department

Incident Press Release

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959 W. Partridge Dr.
House Fire

On Saturday, July 14, 2007 at 5:39 a.m. the Palatine Fire Department responded to a report of a bedroom fire in a single-family house at 959 W. Partridge Dr. in Palatine. The first units arrived on the scene within 5 minutes of the call and found light smoke showing from the second story in front and an occupant reporting that everyone was out of the house. The crew entered the structure and found light smoke on the second floor. The engine crew used a 1 ¾" hose line to extinguish the fire in a bedroom. Other crews performed a search of the rest of the house, salvage and overhaul, EMS, safety and support functions. Because the occupants had kept the door to the bedroom closed, the fire was confined to the bedroom. There were no injuries reported to occupants or firefighters. The house was occupied by 6 residents, all of whom had evacuated prior to the arrival of the fire department. The fire was declared under control at 5:53 a.m.

A total of 18 firefighters manning three engines, one ladder truck, a rescue squad and two ambulances were on the scene, along with 5 command officers and 2 investigators. Officers from the Palatine Police Department also assisted. Total damage is initially estimated at $25,000. Units from the Rolling Meadows Fire Department and the Palatine Rural Fire Protection District assisted the Palatine Fire Department at this incident under an automatic mutual aid agreement. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

The Palatine Fire Department reminds residents of the importance of having operating smoke detectors (a state law), and sleeping with doors shut. At this incident, keeping the bedroom door closed was a key factor in confining the fire to one room. For more information, contact our Public Education Office at (847) 202-6302.

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