



Palatine Fire Department

Incident Press Release

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1546 Norway Lane Apartment Fire

On Thursday May 17th, 2007 at 3:51 p.m. the Palatine Fire Department responded to a report of a fire in an apartment at 1546 Norway Lane in unincorporated Palatine Township. The first units arrived on the scene within 5 minutes of the call and found heavy smoke in the hallway of the second floor. The crew entered the structure, searching for possible victims as they advanced a hose line to attack the fire. The engine crew used a 1 ¾" hose line to extinguish the heavy fire in the unit's kitchen. Other crews performed search and rescue of the adjoining units, water supply, salvage and overhaul, EMS, safety and support functions. Crews also inspected adjacent units, as well as the unit above for any fire extension using thermal imaging cameras. There were no injuries reported to occupants or firefighters. The unit was occupied by 5 residents, a mother and her 4 children at the time of the fire. They had evacuated prior to the arrival of the fire department. The fire was declared under control at 4:06 p.m.

A total of 23 firefighters manning three engines, two ladder trucks, a rescue squad and three ambulances were on the scene, along with 4 command officers and 2 investigators. Officers from the Cook County Sheriff's Police also assisted with evacuating the fire building as well as neighboring buildings. Unit 2A, in which the fire started, was left uninhabitable for the residents, but it is expected that residents in the rest of the building will be able to return to the building this evening. The occupants of the fire unit did not require assistance in finding a place to stay. Damage estimates are not available at the time of this release.

Units from the Arlington Heights Fire Department assisted the Palatine Fire Department at this incident under an automatic aid agreement, which is in an area Palatine covers under a contractual agreement with the Palatine Rural Fire District.

The Palatine Fire Department reminds residents of the importance of never leaving anything unattended while cooking. For more information, contact our Public Education Office at (847) 202-6302.

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