Palatine Fire Department

Incident Press Release

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1198 East Barberry Lane
Kitchen Fire

On Friday November 16th, 2007 at 12:36 p.m. the Palatine Fire Department responded to a report of a kitchen fire at 1198 E. Barberry Lane in Palatine. The first units arrived on the scene within 5 minutes of the call and found black smoke showing from the front door of unit B of the 4-unit quad home. The crew stretched a 1 ¾" hose line and entered the structure, extinguishing the fire in the kitchen of that unit. Other crews performed a search of the adjoining units, water supply, salvage and overhaul, EMS, safety and support functions. Crews also inspected adjacent units for any fire extension; no extension was found. Fire damage was confined to the kitchen, with significant smoke damage only to unit B. There were no injuries reported to occupants or firefighters. The unit was occupied by a family of five; only one of whom was home at the time of the fire. He had evacuated prior to the arrival of the fire department. The fire was declared under control at 1:46 p.m.

A total of 22 firefighters manning three engines, two ladder trucks, a rescue squad and two ambulances responded to the scene, along with 6 command officers and an investigator. Officers from the Palatine Police Department also assisted with traffic control. The occupants of the fire unit did not require assistance in finding a place to stay. Damage is initially estimated at $22,000 to the structure and contents. A unit from the Long Grove Fire Protection District assisted the Palatine Fire Department at this incident under an automatic aid agreement. The fire appeared to have been accidental in nature; the preliminary investigation revealed the cause was a grease fire while cooking which spread to the kitchen.

The Palatine Fire Department reminds residents of the importance of never leaving anything unattended while cooking. Never put water on a grease fire; use a lid to smother the fire if you are able to safely. For more information, contact our Public Education Office at (847) 202-6302.

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