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BEDROOM FIRE

1501 Alison Drive, Palatine, IL

Incident # 3255

June 11, 2017

11:35 p.m.

On Sunday, June 11, 2017, at 11:35 p.m., the Palatine Fire Department was called to a report of smoke and the smell of something burning in a single family residence. The first Palatine Fire Department crews arrived on the scene at 11:39 p.m. The homeowners stated that there was smoke in the home and they didn't know where it was coming from. The first fire company entered the home and found smoke and fire in a first floor bedroom. They aggressively attacked the fire with a water fire extinguisher while another fire company pulled a hose line to assist with fire suppression. Additional fire companies performed a search of the home for any trapped occupants and to locate any hidden fire. Firefighters stretched a supply line to a nearby fire hydrant while other firefighters performed support functions. The fire was declared extinguished at 11:48 p.m. Firefighters continued to ventilate smoke and gases and perform salvage and overhaul activities for some time after that.

No civilians or firefighters were injured in the fire, which was contained to the room of origin. Damage estimates are not available at the time of this release. Palatine Fire Department investigators have determined that a malfunctioning space heater was the cause of the fire.

The fire was fought by 18 firefighters, staffing two engines, two ladder trucks, and three ambulances which responded to the scene along with one command officer. Palatine Police officers assisted at the scene with traffic and crowd control.

Working smoke alarms save lives. Three of every five home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. Dead batteries cause about one quarter of smoke alarm failures (NFPA Smoke Alarms in U.S. Home Fires 2015). For other information on fire safety visit www.palatine.il.us or www.NFPA.org.

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