



## Palatine Fire Department

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# Press Release

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### **STRUCTURE FIRE**

**322 North Carter Street**

**Incident # 3735**

**June 21, 2018**

On Thursday, June 21, 2018, at 11:56 a.m., the Palatine Fire Department responded to a report of smoke coming from a second floor apartment in the 8-unit apartment building at 322 N. Carter St. in Palatine. The first fire crews arrived on the scene at 12:00 p.m. and reported smoke showing from the rear of a 2 story multi-family structure. The fire was then upgraded to a working fire response, bringing additional fire crews to the scene. Upon entering the apartment, the first-in fire companies found a fire in the kitchen of unit 203 that was extending into the attic. They attacked the fire with a hose line while simultaneously searching the apartment for any trapped residents. While fire extinguishment was in progress, other firefighters stretched a supply line to a fire hydrant, laddered the building and pulled down the drywall ceiling to expose the fire in the attic for extinguishment. Additional fire crews searched the other apartments in the building for any trapped occupants or fire extension. As further crews arrived, they assisted with salvage and ventilation operations to protect property from water and smoke damage, along with checking the adjoining building at 330 N. Carter St. for any residents that might be in distress from the smoke, as well as for fire extension. The fire was under control by 12:25 p.m., and firefighters continued to ventilate smoke and work on salvage and overhaul operations for some time after that.

No civilians or firefighters were injured in the fire, and one dog was removed unharmed from the fire apartment. One apartment was left uninhabitable, displacing three residents. Damage estimates are not available at the time of this release and the fire remains under investigation by Palatine Fire Department investigators.

The fire was fought by thirty firefighters, staffing five engines, two ladder trucks, one rescue squad and four ambulances which responded to the scene along with four command officers and two Fire Investigators. Units from the Rolling Meadows, Palatine Rural and Arlington Heights Fire Departments responded to the scene as part of an automatic mutual aid agreement. During the incident, an ambulance from the Wheeling Fire Department stood by in a Palatine fire station to provide coverage for any additional calls. Palatine Police officers assisted at the scene with traffic and crowd control.

The Palatine Fire Department reminds everyone to have working smoke detectors in their homes, whether a single-family dwelling, apartment or condo. Have an escape plan, practice it, and be prepared to use it in the event of any fire.

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