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## **Palatine Fire Department**

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# Press Release

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### Apartment Fire

**1322 N. Ports O Call Drive, Unit 2E, Palatine, IL**  
**Incident # 0362**  
**January 18, 2020**  
**4:38 p.m.**

On Saturday, January 18, 2020, at 4:38 p.m., the Palatine Fire Department was called to a reported structure fire at a three-story apartment building located at 1322 N. Ports O Call Drive. The first Palatine Fire Department crews arrived on the scene at 4:45 p.m. and found smoke coming from the roof. A hose line was pulled and advanced to the third floor where fire companies discovered a fire in apartment #2E. The fire crews quickly began removing ceilings in the unit to expose the hidden fire. The fire was extinguished and most of the damage was confined to the fire unit with some water damage to the units directly below. Additional fire companies performed searches of the building for any trapped occupants and to locate any other hidden fire. Firefighters stretched a supply line to a nearby fire hydrant while other firefighters performed support functions. The fire was declared under control at 4:53 p.m. Firefighters continued to perform salvage, overhaul, and investigative activities for some time after that.

No civilians or firefighters were injured in the fire which was contained to one apartment. Damage estimates are not available at the time of this release. Palatine Fire Department investigators have determined the cause of the fire to be accidental, and electrical in nature.

Thirty-three firefighters responded to the scene manning four engines, three ladder trucks, four ambulances, and one rescue squad. The fire was fought by eighteen firefighters and supported by three command officers and one fire investigator. Units from the Arlington Heights Fire Department, Buffalo Grove Fire Department, and Palatine Rural Fire Protection District were among the initial responders to the scene as part of an automatic aid agreement. An ambulance from the Long Grove Fire Protection District stood by in a Palatine Fire Station to assist with additional calls during this incident. Palatine Police officers assisted at the scene with resident evacuation, traffic and crowd control.

The place where we feel the safest, at home, is where most fire injuries and fire-related deaths occur. Working smoke alarms are the best defense against being injured in a home fire. According to the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA), all homes should have working smoke alarms in and outside each sleeping area and on each floor of the residence. The NFPA also recommends that smoke alarms be tested monthly. Smoke alarms save lives. Make sure your smoke alarms are working and are less than 10 years old. For more information on smoke alarms and fire safety visit [www.palatine.il.us](http://www.palatine.il.us) or [www.nfpa.org/education](http://www.nfpa.org/education).

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