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Press Release

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Townhome Fire
1951 N Brice Ct., Palatine IL
Incident # 5947
October 21, 2020
3:43 p.m.

On Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at 3:43 p.m., the Palatine Fire Department responded for smoke on the first floor at 1951 N. Brice Ct. in Palatine. While enroute, the call was upgraded due to Police reporting heavy smoke upon their arrival. The first Palatine Fire Department crews arrived on the scene at 3:48 p.m. Fire department crews made access into the building and found moderate smoke in the hallway on the first and second floors. Once inside the units, the fire was located in the adjoining walls on the first floor and extended up into the second floor walls. A hoseline was deployed and quickly extinguished the fire. The fire was declared under control at 4:12 p.m. The fire damaged all four units in this townhome and smoke spread to the adjacent structure. Firefighters continued to perform ventilation, overhaul, and investigative activities for some time after that.

No civilians or firefighters were injured in the fire. Damage estimates are not available at the time of this release. The cause of the fire is still under investigation at this time. Four units were left uninhabitable.

The emergency response brought twenty-two firefighters staffing four engines, one aerial device, three ambulances, and one rescue squad which responded to the scene along with five Command Officers. During the incident, a unit from the Long Grove Fire Protection District stood by in a Palatine fire station to provide coverage for any additional calls. Palatine Police officers assisted residents at the scene and provided traffic control.

The Palatine Fire Department reminds everyone that working smoke alarms save lives. Make sure that your smoke alarms are tested monthly and are less than 10 years old. For more information on fire safety visit www.palatine.il.us or www.NFPA.org.

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