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STRUCTURE FIRE

308 W. Slade St
Incident #16-6725
November 10, 2016
18:51 hours

On Thursday, November 10, 2016, at 6:51 p.m., the Palatine Fire Department was called to a report of a house fire at 308 W. Slade Street in Palatine. The first Palatine Fire Department crews arrived on the scene at 6:56 p.m. and reported nothing showing from the front with no visible fire observed. A Palatine police officer arrived at the same time and assisted a resident down the front stairs while fire crews were donning their protective gear. The resident advised the police his mother was still inside the residence – possibly in the kitchen. Upon opening the front door, the first fire companies reported heavy smoke in the interior and pulled a hose line to aggressively attack the fire while other firefighters searched the home for trapped occupants. A female victim was found on the floor near the kitchen and was quickly removed from the building to awaiting EMS crews. Despite life saving measures, the 77-year-old female was pronounced deceased at the scene. The other family member received treatment, but refused transport to hospital. No other victims were found in the home. The fire was declared under control within 15 minutes of arrival.

The house sustained moderate fire damage and is uninhabitable. Damage estimates are not available at the time of this release. The fire remains under investigation by the Palatine Fire Department, Palatine Police Department, and the Illinois State Fire Marshall's Office.

The fire was fought by 26 firefighters, staffing three engines, one ladder truck, one rescue squad and five ambulances which responded to the scene along with five command officers and three Fire Investigators. Ambulances from the Long Grove and Rolling Meadows Fire Departments assisted in medical treatment and fire ground support. 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, an apartment or a condo. Have an escape plan, practice it, and be prepared to use it in the event of any fire.

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