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COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE FIRE

56 West Palatine Road, Palatine, IL

Incident # 2135

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22:16 hours

On Sunday, April 10, 2016 at 10:16 p.m., the Palatine Fire Department was called to a report of an odor of smoke in the alley behind 45 West Slade Street in Palatine. While units were en route, Northwest Central Dispatch upgraded the call to a fire response for smoke coming from the building behind that address, facing Palatine Road. The first Palatine Fire Department unit arrived on the scene at 10:20 p.m. and reported smoke from the storefront in the 7-unit strip mall at 56 W. Palatine Road, Chris and Dora's Hair Salon. At this point the call was again upgraded to a working fire response. The first fire companies forced entry into the occupancy, pulled a hose line and aggressively attacked the fire, while other firefighters stretched a supply line to a fire hydrant. Firefighters also forced entry into the rear of the building and the adjoining units, searched for any potential trapped occupants, pulled ceiling to expose the fire for extinguishment, laddered the building and checked for fire extension. The fire was declared under control at 10:32 p.m. The salon was closed at the time of the fire and no victims were found during search of the building.

No civilians or firefighters were injured in the fire. Damage estimates are not available at the time of this release, and the fire remains under investigation by Palatine Fire Department investigators. The salon will be closed indefinitely until building repairs are complete.

The fire was fought by 29 firefighters, staffing four engines, three ladder trucks, one rescue squad and three ambulances which responded to the scene along with five command officers and three Fire Investigators. Mutual Aid was received from the Arlington Heights and Rolling Meadows Fire Departments as the call was upgraded. Palatine Police officers assisted at the scene with traffic and crowd control, which included shutting down Palatine Road between Plum Grove Road and Greeley Street for a time as firefighters had hoses stretched across the road.

The Palatine Fire Department reminds everyone to have an escape plan even when in a commercial building. Notice where the exits are, including ones you did not enter from, and be prepared to use your plan in the event of any fire.

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