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TOWNHOUSE FIRE
254 E. Forest Knoll Dr., Palatine, IL.
Incident # 23-02278
Sunday, April 2, 2023
0925 hours

On Sunday, April 2, 2023, at 9:25 a.m., the Palatine Fire Department responded to a garage fire at 254 E. Forest Knoll Dr. in Palatine. The first Palatine Fire Department unit arrived on the scene two minutes after the initial alarm and reported smoke coming from the attached garage. The initial fire crews gained access to the garage by cutting open and removing the overhead garage door, while other crews deployed hose lines to extinguish the fire. Other crews checked the fire unit and next-door townhouse for any residents or fire extension. The fire was contained to the garage of 254 E. Forest Knoll Dr., and the fire was declared under control at 9:46 a.m. Firefighters continued to check for hidden fire and ventilate smoke and toxic gases for some time after that.

No firefighters or occupants were injured in the fire. Due to the quick actions by the Palatine Fire Department, the fire was contained to the attached garage. Damage estimates are not available at the time of this release. A fire investigation was completed. The cause of ignition was determined to be the unintentional disposal of smoldering paper products inside the garage.

The fire was fought by 23 firefighters, staffing four engines, one ladder truck, one rescue squad, and three ambulances, which responded to the scene along with two command officers. In addition to the Palatine Fire Department an ambulance crew from the Long Grove Fire Protection District assisted at the scene. During the incident, an ambulance from the Barrington Fire Department stood by in Palatine Fire Station 82 to provide coverage for any additional calls. Palatine Police officers assisted at the scene with traffic and crowd control. Representatives from ComEd and NICOR also assisted during this incident.

The Palatine Fire Department reminds everyone to have working smoke detectors in their homes, whether a single-family dwelling, an apartment, or a condo. In homes with attached garages, keep the service door between the living space and the garage closed at all times. The closed service door to the garage at this incident prevented any fire damage to the living space.

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