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COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL FIRE
434 E. Northwest Highway, Palatine, IL.
Incident # 23-02761
Saturday, April 22, 2023
2156 hours

On Saturday, April 24, 2023, at 9:56 p.m., the Palatine Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire at 434 E. Northwest Highway in Palatine. There was a report of four residents trapped in a second-floor apartment. Palatine Police Department units were first on the scene and assisted the four occupants of the second-floor apartment out of the building. The first Palatine Fire Department unit arrived on the scene four minutes later and reported light smoke coming from a second-floor window. The initial fire crews searched the building for the fire and any other occupants. The fire was located in a first-floor business and was quickly extinguished. The fire was declared under control at 10:20 p.m.

Two occupants were transported to the hospital for possible smoke inhalation. No firefighters were injured in the fire. The fire was contained to one first-floor business with other units sustaining minor to moderate smoke damage. Damage estimates are not available at the time of this release and the fire remains under investigation by the Palatine Fire Department.

The fire was fought by 34 firefighters, staffing five engines, two ladder trucks, and four ambulances, which responded to the scene along with five command officers. Firefighters from the Rolling Meadows and Arlington Heights Fire Departments assisted at the scene. During the incident, a unit from the Long Grove Fire Protection District stood by at Palatine Fire Station 82 to provide coverage for any additional calls. 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 and businesses. Working smoke detectors prevented this incident from being much worse.

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