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HOUSE FIRE

145 N. Maple Street, Palatine, IL
Incident # 2213
April 17, 2015
23:23 hours

On Friday, April 17, 2015 at 11:23 p.m., the Palatine Fire Department was called to a report of a basement fire at 145 N. Maple Street in Palatine. The first Palatine Fire Department crews arrived on the scene at 11:27 p.m., and reported smoke showing from the front door of a 3 story townhome. The first fire company entered the building to investigate while others pulled a hose line for fire suppression. An aggressive interior attack was made on the fire in the basement. Other firefighters stretched a supply line to a fire hydrant and pulled a second hose line for fire suppression. Still other firefighters performed search operations throughout the entire 3-story, smoke filled structure for any trapped occupants. Other fire crews laddered the building and provided for emergency medical coverage. Firefighters also entered both adjoining townhomes to check for smoke and fire. The fire was declared under control at 11:38 p.m. Firefighters continued to ventilate smoke and gases and perform salvage and overhaul activities for some time after that.

No civilians or firefighters were injured in the fire, which left the townhome uninhabitable, displacing four occupants. Damage estimates are not available at the time of this release, and the fire remains under investigation by Palatine Fire Department investigators.

The fire was fought by 23 firefighters, staffing three engines, two ladder trucks, one rescue squad and three ambulances which responded to the scene along with two command officers and two Fire Investigators. During the incident, a unit from the Long Grove Fire Department stood by in a Palatine fire station 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, 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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