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KITCHEN FIRE

406 N. MacArthur Drive, Palatine, IL
Incident # 7329
December 7, 2016
5:41 p.m.

On Wednesday, December 7, 2016, at 5:41 p.m., the Palatine Fire Department was called to a report of a kitchen fire at 406 N. MacArthur Drive in Palatine. The first Palatine Fire Department crews arrived on the scene at 5:46 p.m. and were told by the homeowner that there was fire on the stovetop extending to the cabinets. The first fire company entered the home with a dry chemical fire extinguisher and aggressively attacked the fire on the stove and surrounding cabinets. A second fire company pulled a hose line to assist with fire suppression. Additional fire companies performed a search of the home for any trapped occupants and to locate any hidden fire. Firefighters stretched a supply line to a nearby fire hydrant while other firefighters performed support functions. The fire was declared under control at 5:50 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 was contained to the home's kitchen. Damage estimates are not available at the time of this release. Palatine Fire Department investigators have determined that cooking was the cause of the fire.

The fire was fought by 18 firefighters, staffing three engines, two ladder trucks, and two ambulances which responded to the scene along with one command officer and one Fire Investigator. Palatine Police officers assisted at the scene with traffic and crowd control.

A portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property by putting out a small fire or containing it until the fire department arrives; but portable extinguishers have limitations. Because fire grows and spreads so rapidly, the number one priority for residents is to get out safely (NFPA 2012).

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