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HOUSE FIRE

524 N. Easy Street, Palatine, IL

Incident # 7532

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22:18 hours

On Friday, December 25, 2015 at 10:18 p.m., the Palatine Fire Department was called to a report of a stove fire at 524 N. Easy Street in Palatine. The first Palatine Fire Department crews arrived on the scene at 10:22 p.m. and reported smoke showing from the front door of the single-family home. Upon investigation, the first fire companies found a working fire in the kitchen of the house. Firefighters used a pressurized water / foam extinguisher to contain the fire while other firefighters pulled a hose line to the interior of the house for extinguishment. Although all occupants were reported to be out of the house, fire crews still searched the building for any possible victims and for any fire extension. Firefighters opened drywall on a wall and ceiling in the kitchen to check for hidden fire in those void spaces. The remaining fire was quickly extinguished, and the fire was declared under control at 10:34 p.m. Firefighters remained on scene for some time after that, ventilating smoke and ensuring there was no fire extension. Although the kitchen sustained significant damage, the house remained tenable for the residents. No civilians or firefighters were injured in the fire. Damage estimates are not available at the time of this release.

Palatine Fire Department investigators were on the scene and determined the cause of the fire to be accidental in nature. The fire was fought by 22 firefighters manning three engines, two ladder trucks, one rescue squad and three ambulances along with two command officers. One ambulance crew from the Rolling Meadows Fire Department responded as part of an automatic mutual aid agreement, and an ambulance from the Long Grove Fire District stood by in a Palatine station in the event of any additional calls.

The Palatine Fire Department reminds residents to always be immediately present when cooking on a stove top, and to have working smoke detectors on each level of your home, as well as in each bedroom or sleeping area, no matter if you live in a single-family house, an apartment or a condo. Have, and practice, an escape plan, and be prepared to use it if you discover a fire in your home.

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