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Apartment Fire

911 W. Panorama Dr. #216

Incident # 1202

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00:08 hours

On Saturday, February 27, 2016 at 12:08 a.m., the Palatine Fire Department was dispatched to an activated fire alarm at 911 W. Panorama Drive in Palatine. While en route to the scene fire companies were advised that there was a fire at this location. The first Palatine Fire Department crews arrived on the scene at 12:14 a.m. and reported heavy smoke showing from the rear of the two story, 8 unit apartment building. Upon investigation, the first fire companies found a working fire on a second story balcony. Firefighters pulled a hose line to the rear of the building and began an exterior attack on the fire. Other firefighters pulled a hose line through the main entrance of the building to the second floor to begin an aggressive interior attack. Firefighters performed a thorough search of the building to ensure that there were no trapped occupants. Firefighters removed drywall from the ceiling and some walls of the apartment to search for hidden fire. The remaining fire in the apartment was quickly extinguished, and the fire was declared under control at 12:35 a.m. Firefighters remained on the scene for some time after that, ventilating smoke and fire gasses from the entire apartment building. The fire caused significant damage to the apartment which left it and three other apartments untenable. 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 21 firefighters manning three engines, two ladder trucks, one rescue squad, and three ambulances along with 4 command officers. An ambulance and engine crew from the Palatine Rural Fire Protection District responded as part of an automatic mutual aid agreement. An ambulance from the Long Grove Fire District stood by in a Palatine station in the event of any additional calls. Palatine Police officers assisted at the scene with security, traffic and crowd control while Palatine Public Works provided road salt for the parking lot.

The Palatine Fire Department reminds residents to always be careful when discarding smoking materials, and to have working smoke detectors on each level of your home and each bedroom. When you hear a fire alarm activate make sure you evacuate. Have, and practice, an escape plan and be prepared to use it if you discover a fire in your home.

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