

Palatine Fire Department

Incident Press Release

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1222 E. Inverrary Lightning Strike

On Friday, July 29, 2011 at 0900 a.m., the Palatine Fire Department responded to a report of fire at 1222 East Inverrary, Palatine. Residents of the 4 unit apartment building reported smoke coming from the roof and eave areas. Fire department crews found smoke throughout the common attic area of the building but no fire. Fire department crews quickly ventilated the roof and contained any smoke damage to the attic area.

The source of the smoke was determined to be a direct lightning strike from storms passing during the night. Residents also state knowing of close lightning strikes during the night. A damaged area of the roof was identified as the direct strike and charring was noted to small areas where the lightning ignited insulation and roofing material. All units in the building were left as habitable and roof and attic damage was estimated to be \$5000 by Palatine Fire Department investigators. There were no reports of injuries.

The Palatine Fire Department was assisted by the Arlington Heights Fire Department, Buffalo Grove Fire Department, and Long Grove Fire Protection District.

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