Palatine Fire Department Incident Press Release



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1952 N. Green Lane North Structure Fire

On Tuesday, December 6 at 1:02 a.m., the Palatine Fire Department responded to a report of activated smoke detectors at 1952 N. Green Lane North. Multiple calls started coming into the dispatch center reporting smoke in the back hallway. The first Palatine Fire Department crew on the scene reported heavy smoke showing from an open second floor balcony sliding door of the six unit building. An aggressive interior attack with a 1 ¾ inch preconnected hose line was initiated on a large body of fire in the rear stairwell. The fire was declared under control at 1:22 a.m.

Palatine Police officers assisted residents from the building prior to the arrival of the fire department. The last of the residents were exiting the building when the fire department arrived. One adult male suffered burn injuries. He was transported to Northwest Community Hospital and later transferred to Loyola University Medical Center. No firefighters were injured.

21 members of the Palatine Fire Department along with crews from the Arlington Heights Fire Department responded to the scene. Palatine Neighborhood Services determined the building was uninhabitable because of the damage. Fire damage was confined to the rear stairwell, but several apartments suffered heavy smoke damage.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

The Palatine Fire Department stresses the importance of having an escape plan. All residents should know what to do when they are awakened by an activated smoke detector. For questions about developing an escape plan, please contact the Palatine Fire Department at 847-202-6340.