

Palatine Fire Department

Incident Press Release

For Immediate Release

Sprinkler System Controls Fire in Condo Building

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The Palatine Fire Department responded to an activated fire alarm at the Providence Building, 50 N. Plum Grove Rd. that was received by the dispatch center at 2:37 am Tuesday morning. The first Palatine Fire Department unit arrived on the scene in two minutes and checked the fire alarm panel for information on the activation. Residents were in the process of evacuating the building when the fire department arrived. The panel indicated that the sprinkler system was flowing water in the trash room. Fire crews made access to the trash room and found heavy smoke from two dumpsters that were on fire. The water from the activated sprinkler was keeping the fire in check and fire crews used a hose line from one of their engines to complete the extinguishment of the fire.

Battalion Chief Bill Gabrenya stated damage was contained to the dumpsters, sprinkler system components and some wiring in the trash room. Smoke was contained to the trash room. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

The Palatine Fire Department would like to remind everyone to make sure that smoking materials, ashes from the fireplace, and any other material that was burning is completely extinguished and cool to the touch prior to discarding in the garbage.