

Palatine Fire Department

Incident Press Release

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834 W. Panorama Drive Apartment Fire

On Thursday February 9, 2006, at 3:06 a.m., the Palatine Fire Department responded to a report of a bedroom fire in an apartment at 834 W. Panorama Drive, in the Village Park of Palatine complex. The first crew arrived on the scene 5 minutes later and reported fire visible in a second floor apartment in the 12-unit building. The first engine crew used a 1 ¾" hose line to attack the fire. Other crews provided search and rescue throughout the building, water supply, salvage and overhaul, EMS, safety and support functions. The fire was under control within 16 minutes. The fire caused heavy damage to the involved bedroom, significant smoke and heat damage to the rest of that unit, and minor smoke damage to the common hallway on the second floor. No other units suffered fire or water damage.

Crews from both Palatine Fire Department and the Long Grove Fire Protection District responded to this fire under a mutual response agreement between the departments. A total of 18 firefighters, 4 command and administrative staff members and 3 investigators were on the scene. Damage to the structure and contents is initially estimated at \$75,000.00. There were three residents at home in the apartment at the time of the fire; all had exited the building prior to the arrival of the Fire Department. One of the occupants pulled the fire alarm, alerting other residents, and a resident of a neighboring unit also knocked on doors of numerous units, further alerting the occupants of the building. The Palatine Police Department assisted at the scene as well. There were no injuries reported. A preliminary investigation indicates that a candle left burning when an occupant went to sleep appears to have started the fire, however at the time of this release the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

The Palatine Fire Department stresses the importance of having working smoke detectors for every floor of the home and near sleeping areas, and to never leave candles burning unattended or while sleeping. If you live a building with a fire alarm system, evacuate if the alarm sounds. Know the location of any pull stations, and if you notice a fire use the system to warn others.

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