

Palatine Fire Department

Incident Press Release

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1127 N. King Arthur Ct. Attached Garage Fire

On Tuesday, August 1, 2006, at 11:00 a.m., the Palatine Fire Department responded to a report of a garage fire at 1127 N. King Arthur Ct. The first crew arrived on the scene within 4 minutes and reported smoke coming from the attached garage. The first engine crew used a 1 ¾" hose line to attack the fire in the garage, as other companies forced entry to the garage and searched the house. Other crews laid a supply line from a hydrant and pulled an additional hose line, and provided overhaul, EMS, safety and support functions. Due to the high heat, additional personnel were requested early in the incident allowing crews to be rotated. The fire was under control within ten minutes of the Fire Department's arrival. The fire caused damage to the garage, and to a 1967 Chevelle parked in it.

A total of 18 firefighters, 6 command and administrative staff members and 1 fire investigator were on the scene, with additional assistance received from the Palatine Police Dept. Damage is initially estimated at \$20,000. One occupant and two pets were home at the time of the fire, and evacuated prior to the arrival of the fire department. There were no injuries reported. The initial investigation indicated that the cause appeared to improper disposal of smoking materials.

Smoking materials continue to be a cause of many fires. The Palatine Fire Department wants to remind everyone of the importance of properly disposing of any smoking material. Use a large, deep ashtray that will not tip over, and ensure that all materials are fully extinguished before disposing of them.

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