



Palatine Fire Department

Incident Press Release

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1467 N. Winslowe Dr. Condominium Fire

On Friday August 3, 2007 at 8:34 p.m. the Palatine Fire Department responded to a report of a fire in a condominium unit at 1467 Winslowe Dr. in the Brentwood Condos. The first units arrived on the scene within 5 minutes of the initial dispatch and found heavy smoke and flames blowing out a window of a rear first-floor unit in the 3-story building. All occupants (two adults and one child) were reported to be out of the fire unit upon the Fire Department's arrival. The first engine crew used a 1 ¾" hose line to attack the fire, while other crews performed search and rescue of the adjoining units, ventilation, water supply, salvage and overhaul, EMS, safety and support functions. Fire damage was confined to unit #103, which sustained heavy fire, smoke and heat damage, and was untenable. Occupants of the rest of the building's 12 units were allowed to return, with only minor smoke damage in the halls and some damage to doors due to forcible entry efforts during the search and rescue operations. There were no injuries reported to occupants or firefighters, however one police officer was treated at the scene for a minor injury and one occupant was evaluated by Palatine Fire Department paramedics after becoming distraught following the fire. The fire was under control at 8:59 p.m.

A total of 18 firefighters manning two engines, two ladder trucks, a rescue squad and two ambulances were on the scene, along with 5 command officers and one fire investigator. The Palatine Police also assisted with evacuation and traffic control. Damage is initially estimated at \$150,000, and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.

At this fire it was reported that a building occupant attempted to fight the already well-involved fire with a portable extinguisher. The Fire Department does NOT recommend fighting any interior fires due to the great potential for injury or death. Evacuate and call 911. For more information contact the Palatine Fire Department Public Education Office at (847) 202-6302.

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