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HOUSE FIRE

608 E. Princeton St., Palatine, IL

Incident # 6020

October 15, 2017

5:53 p.m.

On Sunday, October 15, 2017, at 5:53 p.m., the Palatine Fire Department was called to a report of a basement fire. The first Palatine Fire Department crews arrived on the scene at 5:57 p.m. and were told by the homeowner that there was a fire in the basement. The first fire company investigated and found smoke and fire coming from the basement. Firefighters pulled a hose line from a fire engine and advanced it into the basement to extinguish the fire. A second hose line was used to extinguish fire on the exterior of the home. Other fire companies performed a search of the home to confirm that all occupants were evacuated and to locate any hidden fire. The fire was declared under control at 6:02 p.m. Firefighters continued to perform salvage and overhaul activities for some time after that.

No civilians or firefighters were injured in the fire, which was contained to the home's basement. The fire caused significant damage to the home's electrical system which left it untenable. Damage estimates are not available at the time of this release. Palatine Fire Department investigators have determined the fire to be accidental in nature with an undetermined cause.

The fire was fought by 22 firefighters, staffing three engines, two ladder trucks, one rescue squad, and three ambulances which responded to the scene along with three command officers and two Fire Investigators. An ambulance from the Long Grove Fire Protection District stood by in a Palatine Fire Station to assist with additional calls during this incident. Palatine Police officers assisted at the scene with traffic and crowd control.

The Palatine Fire Department reminds everyone that working smoke alarms save lives. Make sure that your smoke alarms are tested monthly and less than 10 years old. For more fire safety information visit www.palatine.il.us and search key words "fire safety" or www.nfpa.org.

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