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Vehicle / Gas Pump Fire

7 N. Northwest Highway, Palatine, IL

Incident # 4886

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3:05 p.m.

On Monday August 13, 2018 at 3:05 p.m. the Palatine Fire Department was called to a report of a vehicle that struck a gas pump, with a gasoline spill and fire at the Mobil station at 7 N. Northwest Hwy. The first Palatine Fire Department crews arrived on the scene at 3:08 p.m. and reported a vehicle on fire under the gas station canopy, with a gas pump knocked over and fuel burning on the ground. A hose line was pulled and advanced to attack the vehicle fire and protect the building, and firefighters searched the vehicle and building to ensure all occupants were out. As additional crews arrived, they deployed dry chemical extinguishers and pulled an additional foam hose line to extinguish the fuel fire and suppress vapors. Palatine Fire Department paramedics assessed the vehicle occupants, who were uninjured from the fire. Additional fire companies established a water supply from a fire hydrant, checked the roof and interior of the gas station building to ensure that the fire had not extended into the building, and placed hazardous material absorbent materials to prevent fuel in the runoff from entering the sewers. The fire was declared under control at 3:19 p.m. Firefighters continued to perform salvage, overhaul, and investigative activities for some time after that.

The canopy and exterior of the gas station sustained minor smoke and heat damage, and the vehicle was destroyed by the fire. No civilians or firefighters were injured in the fire, and damage estimates are not available at the time of this release. The fire remains under investigation at the time of this release.

The fire was fought by 22 firefighters staffing three engines, two ladder trucks, three ambulances, and one rescue squad which responded to the scene along with four command officers and one fire investigator. A unit from the Rolling Meadows Fire Department was among the initial responders to the scene as part of an automatic aid agreement. An ambulance from the Elk Grove Township 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. An official from the Palatine Building Department responded to the scene to evaluate the building, and inspectors from the Palatine Fire Prevention Bureau and the Illinois State Fire Marshal's office also responded to evaluate the fuel pump system at the service station.

The Palatine Fire Department reminds everyone to use safe practices any time they are using any kind of fuel. For more information and safety tips see www.nfpa.org.

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