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HOUSE FIRE

2107 N. Westmoreland Dr., Palatine, IL

Incident # 5378

September 3, 2018

15:59 hours

On Monday, September 3, 2018 at 3:59 p.m., the Palatine Fire Department responded to a report of a fire at 2107 N. Westmoreland Dr. in Palatine. The first Palatine Fire Department crews arrived on the scene at 4:04 p.m. and reported flames and heavy smoke showing from the lower floor of a split-level, single-family home. A neighbor reported that the residents were not home at the time. The first fire companies pulled a hose line for an offensive attack on the fire, while other firefighters stretched a supply line to a fire hydrant and pulled a second hose line to support the fire attack. Firefighters also searched the smoke-charged building for any trapped occupants, coordinated ventilation with the fire attack crew and checked the upper levels of the home for fire extension. Other crews placed ladders and provided emergency medical standby. The fire was declared under control at 4:31 p.m. Firefighters continued to check void spaces for hidden fire and to ventilate smoke and gases for some time after that.

No civilians or firefighters were injured in the fire, which left the residence uninhabitable, displacing three occupants. One pet cat was killed in the fire. Damage estimates are not available at the time of this release, and the fire remains under investigation by Palatine Fire Department investigators.

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. Units from the Arlington Heights and Buffalo Grove Fire Departments were among the responders to the scene as part of automatic and mutual aid agreements. During the incident, a unit from the Fox River Grove Fire District stood by in a Palatine fire station to provide coverage for any additional calls. Palatine Police officers assisted at the scene with traffic and crowd control.

The Palatine Fire Department reminds everyone to have working smoke detectors in their homes, whether a single-family dwelling, an apartment or a condo. Have an escape plan, practice it, and be prepared to use it in the event of any fire.

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