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## **Palatine Fire Department**

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# Press Release

### **HOUSE FIRE**

**E. Thornhill Ln., Palatine, IL**

**Incident # 0543**

**January 28, 2019**

**22:34 hours**

On Thursday, January 28, 2019 at 10:34 p.m., the Palatine Fire Department responded to a report of a fire on E. Thornhill Ln. in Palatine. The first Palatine Fire Department unit arrived on the scene at 10:39 p.m. and reported flames showing from the side of a two story, single-family home. Police officers met with the residents and reported that everyone was out of the house, and evacuated the residents of the house next door as a precaution. The first fire companies pulled two hose lines for a coordinated attack on the fire, while other firefighters stretched a supply line to a fire hydrant and set up an aerial ladder tower to access the upper levels of the exterior of the house to expose any hidden fire. Firefighters also searched the building for any trapped occupants, and checked the interior of the home for fire extension. Other crews provided scene lighting and provided emergency medical standby. The fire was declared under control at 11:00 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 five occupants. 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 25 firefighters, staffing four 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 Long 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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