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HOUSE FIRE

1039 N. Penny Lane, Palatine, IL
Incident # 1387
March 6, 2016
18:05 hours

On Sunday, March 6, 2016 at 6:05 p.m., the Palatine Fire Department was called to a report of a basement fire at 1039 N. Penny Lane in Palatine. The first Palatine Fire Department crews arrived on the scene at 6:10 p.m., and reported smoke showing from a two story single family home. The first fire companies entered the building with a hose line for fire suppression. An aggressive interior attack was made on the deep seated fire in the basement. Other firefighters stretched a supply line to a fire hydrant and pulled a second and third hose line for fire suppression. Still other firefighters performed search operations throughout the entire 2-story, smoke filled structure for any trapped occupants. Other fire crews laddered the building and provided for emergency medical coverage. The fire was declared under control at 6:46 p.m. Firefighters continued to ventilate smoke and gases and perform salvage and overhaul activities for some time after that.

No civilians or firefighters were injured in the fire, which left the house uninhabitable. 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 27 firefighters, staffing four engines, two ladder trucks, one rescue squad and four ambulances which responded to the scene along with three command officers and two Fire Investigators. Crews from the Palatine Rural Fire Protection District were among the initial responders to the scene as part of an automatic mutual aid agreement, and assistance was also received from the Barrington Fire Department. During the incident, a unit from the Long Grove Fire Department 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. Fire safety is everyone's business.

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