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Press Release

Apartment Fire

1270 N. Sterling Ave., Palatine, IL

Incident # 20-00275

January 14, 2020

3:15 p.m.

On Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at 3:15 p.m., the Palatine Fire Department responded to the report of a fire at 1270 N. Sterling Ave. in Palatine. The first Palatine Fire Department crews arrived on scene at 3:19 p.m. and were advised by a resident that there was a fire in one of the units. Fire department crews made access to the unit and found light smoke and a small fire in the bathroom. The initial fire was extinguished with a pressurized water can and crews opened the ceiling to check for extension and found fire in the void space between the first and second floors. A hose line was pulled and used to extinguish the fire in the void space on the first floor. An additional hose line was stretched to the second floor and used to extinguish fire in the plumbing wall. A search was conducted to confirm that everyone had already evacuated the structure. The fire was declared under control at 3:39 p.m. Firefighters continued to perform salvage, overhaul, and investigative activities for some time after that.

No civilians or firefighters were injured in the fire which left four units uninhabitable due to the damage caused by fire in the wall space between units. Damage estimates and the cause of the fire are not available at the time of this release.

The emergency response brought twenty-three firefighters staffing four engines, one aerial device, three ambulances, and one rescue squad which responded to the scene along with four command officers and two fire investigators. An engine from the Palatine Rural Fire Protection District was among the initial responders to the scene as part of an automatic aid agreement. 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 residents at the scene and provided traffic 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 information on fire safety visit www.palatine.il.us or www.NFPA.org.