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## **Palatine Fire Department**

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# Press Release

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### **STRUCTURE FIRE**

**150 South Oak Street**  
**Incident # 15-2786**  
**May 15, 2015**  
**2017 hours**

On Friday, May 15, 2015 at 8:18 p.m., the Palatine Fire Department was called to a report of a house fire at 150 South Oak Street in Palatine. The first Palatine Fire Department crews arrived on the scene at 8:21 p.m. and reported smoke coming from the roof and second floor windows. Neighbors outside reported occupants were still inside the house and trapped. The first fire companies made entry into the house through the front door and second floor windows for search and rescue. Additional fire companies pulled fire attack hose lines for fire suppression. Two female victims were found on the second floor. A semi-conscious female, approximately 20 years old, was found near the living room, and her 63 year old mother was found unconscious near a bedroom. Both were taken to Northwest community hospital. Despite life saving measures, the 63 year old was pronounced deceased at the hospital. The daughter received treatment and was being transferred to Loyola Medical Center for burns. No other victims were found in the home. Two neighbors who made attempts to enter the burning home before fire department arrival were treated and transported to St Alexis Hospital in Hoffman Estates. Both are in stable condition. The fire was under control within 15 minutes of arrival.

The house sustained heavy fire damage and is uninhabitable. Damage estimates are not available at the time of this release, and the fire remains under investigation by Palatine Fire Department, Palatine Police Department, and the Illinois State Fire Marshall's Office.

The fire was fought by 36 firefighters, staffing 4 engines, two ladder trucks, one rescue squad and eight ambulances which responded to the scene along with four command officers. Ambulances from the Arlington Heights, Rolling Meadows, Palatine Rural Fire District, Hoffman Estates and Schaumburg Fire Departments assisted in medical treatment and transport of victims and fire ground support.

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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