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STRUCTURE FIRE

132 S. Plum Grove Road, Palatine, IL Incident # 4855 August 12, 2014 04:09 hours

On Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 4:09 a.m., the Palatine Fire Department was called to a report of a fire, at 132 S. Plum Grove Road in Palatine. The first Palatine Fire Department crews arrived on the scene at 4:12 a.m. and reported smoke and fire coming from the first floor at the rear of the 2-story, single family home. The first fire companies pulled a hose line and aggressively attacked the fire from the exterior. Other firefighters stretched a supply line to a fire hydrant and pulled another hose line into the building for an interior attack of the fire in the basement. Firefighters also searched the smoke-charged building for any trapped occupants. During the incident neighbors reported that the home was for sale and had been vacant for some time. Other crews laddered the building and provided for emergency medical coverage. Firefighters had to open numerous walls and ceilings to expose the fire for extinguishment. The fire was declared under control at 4:40 a.m. Firefighters continued to ventilate smoke and gases and perform extensive salvage and overhaul activities for some time after that.

No civilians or firefighters were injured in the fire, which left the home 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 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. During the incident, a unit from the Lake Zurich 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 condominium. Have an escape plan, practice it, and be prepared to use it in the event of any fire.