

Palatine Fire Department

Incident Press Release



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1360 Knollwood Drive Townhouse Fire

On Wednesday, January 09, 2013 at 11:56 P.M. the Palatine Fire Department responded to a townhouse fire at 1360 Knollwood Drive, Palatine. The fire was first reported by an adjacent townhouse neighbor. First arriving Palatine Police and Palatine Fire Department crews found fire coming out the front door and front windows on the first floor. The fire department was onscene within 4 minutes of the reported fire and the fire was quickly extinguished and under control at 12:07 A.M. The fire was contained to the living room and contents but the entire unit sustained extensive smoke damage throughout and deemed uninhabitable.

Initial fire crews were met by the homeowner at the front door trying to extinguish the fire with a nearby garden hose. The homeowner was the only occupant of the unit and did sustain smoke inhalation and burn injuries to his hands. The 41 year old male stated he awoke from bed to find smoke in the townhouse and found the living room on fire. It is unclear if smoke detectors were working. He was treated at the scene and transported to Northwest Community Hospital, Arlington Heights, where he was admitted. Two cats were found inside the unit and taken by Palatine Police Animal Control for care to Golf Rose Veterinary Hospital, and a third cat succumbed to smoke.

The cause of the fire is under investigation by the Palatine Fire Department. Damage was limited to one unit and estimated at \$150,000.

The Palatine Fire Department was assisted by the Palatine Rural Fire Department.