

# **Palatine Fire Department**

## **Incident Press Release**



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### **Area of 383 W. Northwest Highway Brush Fire**

On Monday, June 4 at 2:21 p.m., the Palatine Fire Department received a report of a possible grass fire in a marsh behind some businesses on the south side of Northwest Highway. The first crew arrived on the scene in less than 3 minutes and reported a brush fire. They began a fire attack and requested the response of another apparatus and a Battalion Chief. Eventually, three additional Palatine Fire Department apparatus responded, along with an additional command officer and a water tender truck from the Palatine Rural Fire Protection District. These units were deployed downwind of the fire, along Hidden Prairie Court, Fairview Circle and Colfax Street to prevent the fire from extending into any of the residential, commercial or industrial structures along those streets. A total of 15 firefighters staffing 6 apparatus of various kinds responded, along with 2 command officers. The fire was difficult to fight because it was burning in marshland, and firefighters had to contend with standing water and mud while working with hand tools to contain the fire. No structures or vehicles were damaged in the fire, which was reported contained at 4:27 pm and out at 4:54 pm.

Palatine Police assisted firefighters and with traffic and crowd control. No civilians, firefighters or police officers were injured during this incident. Off-duty Palatine firefighters were called back to staff reserve apparatus at the various fire stations to provide continuous coverage during the incident.

Approximately 9 acres of grass and marshland was burned in the fire. The cause remains under investigation. This is the second significant brush fire the Palatine Fire Department has had to contend with this year. A fire on March 11, 2012 burned over 50 acres in the Deer Grove Forest Preserve.

The Palatine Fire Department reminds everyone to use extreme caution in disposing of smoking materials at any time, and to use caution with any heat-producing product in dry, windy conditions in fields or brush.

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