

# **Palatine Fire Department**

## **Incident Press Release**



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### **762 W. Evergreen Ct. House Fire**

On Monday, October 22, 2012 at 3:01 a.m., the Palatine Fire Department responded to a report of a fire at 762 W. Evergreen Ct. in Palatine. The first Palatine Fire Department crews arrived on the scene in less than 6 minutes and reported heavy fire showing from the attached garage of the 2-story, wood frame single family home. The first fire companies attacked the garage fire with a deck gun to knock down the main body of fire, and pulled a 1 ¾" hose line to continue the attack into the garage. Other firefighters stretched a supply line to a fire hydrant, forced entry into the structure, and pulled a second 1 ¾" hose line to the interior of the house to attack the fire that had extended into the first floor. Firefighters had to open up the drywall in the walls and ceiling of the first and second floors to access and extinguish hidden fire in enclosed void spaces. Although initial reports were that all occupants had escaped, firefighters still searched the house for any possible remaining occupants. Crews also accessed the roof to assess for possible extension into the attic, laddered the building and provided for emergency medical coverage. The fire was declared under control at 3:24 a.m. and firefighters continued to ventilate smoke and gases and perform extensive salvage and overhaul activities for some time after that.

The home was occupied by three residents who were at home at the time of the fire. They were awakened by their dog barking, which alerted them to the fire. All occupants and the dog escaped the fire prior to the Fire Department's arrival. Palatine Police officers assisted at the scene with traffic and crowd control. No civilians or firefighters were injured.

The fire was fought by 22 firefighters, staffing four engines, one ladder truck, one rescue squad and three ambulances which responded to the scene along with four command officers. Units from the Rolling Meadows Fire Department and Palatine Rural Fire District were among the responders to the scene, and an ambulance from the Long Grove Fire Protection District covered a Palatine fire station during the incident, all as part of automatic aid agreements. The house sustained significant damage to the garage and first floor utility room, as well as to the walls and ceilings on the inside of the fire area. The house also had smoke damage throughout, as well as some water damage. The home was not tenable for the occupants, who were able to stay with family in the area. Two cars parked in the driveway also sustained damage from the fire.

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At the time of this release, the cause of the fire remains under investigation and damage estimates are not yet available.

The Palatine Fire Department reminds everyone to have working smoke detectors in their homes, to be sure to have furnaces and heating appliances checked before the heating season, and to properly dispose of any rags or supplies from painting, staining or wood finishing.

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