

Palatine Fire Department

Incident Press Release



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1577 N. St. Marks Place Garage Fire

On Saturday, October 27, 2012 at 6:14 p.m., the Palatine Fire Department responded to a report of a fire at 1577 N. St. Marks Pl. in Palatine. The first Palatine Fire Department crew arrived on the scene in less than 2 minutes and reported a working fire in the attached garage of the 2-story, wood frame residence, which is part of a 6-unit townhouse building. The first fire companies attacked the fire with a 1 ¾" hose line. Other firefighters stretched a supply line to a fire hydrant, made entry into the structure to search for possible occupants, and pulled a second 1 ¾" hose line. Firefighters had to open up the drywall in the walls and ceiling of the garage to access and ensure there was no hidden fire in enclosed void spaces. 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 6:30 p.m.

The home was occupied by three residents, one of whom was at home at the time of the fire. The adult female was treated for non-life threatening injuries and transported to Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights. Palatine Police officers assisted at the scene with traffic and crowd control. No firefighters were injured.

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 four command officers. An ambulance from the Arlington Heights Fire Department was among the units that responded 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 townhouse sustained moderate damage to the garage, as well as to the walls and ceilings in the fire area. The residence also had minor smoke damage throughout. Total damage to the structure and contents is initially estimated at \$9,000.00. At the time of this release, it was unknown if the residents would be able to remain in the residence. The fire is initially reported as accidental in nature; the cause of the fire remains under investigation.

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 be sure to properly dispose of any smoking materials.

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