

Palatine Fire Department

Incident Press Release



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345 N. Carter Street. #203
Kitchen Fire

On Friday, January 13th at 8:51 p.m., the Palatine Fire Department responded to a report of a kitchen fire at 345 N. Carter Street. The first Palatine Fire Department crews arrived on the scene in 4 minutes and reported that no smoke or fire was showing. The first two fire companies encountered a considerable amount of smoke when they entered the fire unit with fire showing from the kitchen. An aggressive interior attack with two pressurized water extinguishers was initiated and brought the fire under control before it could involve the rest of the unit. The unit was simultaneously searched to confirm that the unit was unoccupied. There were no working smoke detectors in the unit.

There was one resident home at the time of the fire who evacuated prior to Fire Department arrival. Palatine Police officers assisted residents prior to the arrival of the Fire Department. No civilians, Firefighters, or Police officers were injured during this incident.

13 members of the Palatine Fire Department responded to the scene. The unit where the fire originated had moderate damage that was contained to the kitchen. The remaining units of the two story building were tenable. Damage was estimated at \$15,000.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

The Palatine Fire Department reminds everyone to have a fire extinguisher in the kitchen and working smoke detectors in the home.

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