

Palatine Fire Department Incident Press Release



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Two Fires within Twenty Four Hour Period

On Monday, October 3, 2011 at 3:48 p.m., the Palatine Fire Department received the report of a furnace fire at 295 Park Drive in the Plum Grove Estates subdivision of Palatine. The first fire department units arrived and found a visible haze around the single family, 1-story home with the residents waiting outside. Crews from the Rolling Meadows and Palatine Fire Departments entered the smoke-filled home and confirmed that the fire was out with damage limited to the furnace and other materials stored within the immediate area. The resident received medical treatment on the scene for minor smoke inhalation but refused further treatment or transport. Fire damage is estimated at \$5,000. 22 firefighters from four fire departments staffing two engines, two tenders, two ambulances, one squad, one tower ladder and one shift commander responded to this incident. The fire is reported to have been caused by cardboard and other combustibile materials stored too close to a furnace.

The second fire was in a similar one-story, single family home at 1776 N. Jarvis Court in Palatine. The call was received at 4:21 a.m., as a report of a bedroom fire with one trapped occupant. While fire crews were en route, several Palatine Police Officers arrived on the scene and assisted the wheel-chair bound resident to safety all within five minutes from the time of call. The fire was confined to a mattress and bedding and did not extend into the structure. The resident was treated for minor smoke inhalation and was transported to Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights for further medical care. Fire damage is estimated at \$8,500. 23 firefighters from the Palatine and Arlington Heights fire departments staffing two ambulances, two engines, two quints, one ladder truck, one squad, one shift commander and the Palatine Fire Chief responded to the scene. The fire is reported to have been caused by careless use of smoking materials in bed. In both situations, there were working smoke detectors in homes.

The Palatine Fire Department would like to emphasize the importance of keeping the areas around a furnace clear of combustibile materials, the hazards of smoking in bed and the value of having working smoke detectors in the residence.

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