

# **Palatine Fire Department**

## **Incident Press Release**

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### **1146 W. Mallard House Fire Fatality**

On Friday, April 8 at 1151 a.m., the Palatine Fire Department responded to a report of smoke in the house at 1146 W. Mallard. The caller stated she could not get in the house and that she saw and smelled smoke, and she could hear the smoke detector sounding inside. She also stated there was someone still in the house. The first Palatine Fire Department crews arrived on the scene at 11:56 a.m. and were met by the caller who told them there was a woman in a second floor bedroom. Firefighters forced entry into the house, advanced a 1 ¾ inch charged hose line up the stairs and began a search of the second floor. The primary search of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors found no occupants and no fire. The firefighters then advanced the hose line to the basement where they encountered heavy smoke and fire damage, but no fire. At 12:07 p.m. they located a woman in the basement laundry room while searching with their thermal imaging camera and removed her from the house. Efforts to resuscitate her were unsuccessful and she was transported to Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights. The victim was the only person home at the time of the fire.

23 members of the Palatine Fire Department along with crews from the Palatine Rural Fire Protection District, Rolling Meadows Fire Department and Arlington Heights Fire Department responded to the scene.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation by members of the Palatine Fire Department Investigative Team, Palatine Police and Office of the State Fire Marshal.

The Palatine Fire Department stresses the importance of making sure all residents have a working smoke detector. Batteries in smoke detectors should be changed twice yearly and families should plan together on what to do if they have a fire in their home or apartment.

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