

Palatine Fire Department

Incident Press Release

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1176 Parkside Dr Residential Structure Fire

On Saturday, August 20, 2011 at 10:27 a.m., the Palatine Fire Department responded to a report of a fire in the building at 1176 Parkside Dr. The first Palatine Fire Department unit arrived on the scene less than 5 minutes later and found smoke and fire showing from the second floor window in the front of a two story town home. The first crew pulled a 1 ¾" hose line to attack the fire, while conducting a search for occupants. Other crews arriving on the scene pulled an additional hose line, secured a water supply, laddered the building's roof, ventilated smoke and fire gases and provided emergency medical stand-by. The fire was declared under control less than 23 minutes after the Fire Department's arrival. The fire unit was declared uninhabitable, with only minor damage to the two adjacent units. There were no injuries from the fire.

14 members of the Palatine Fire Department along with crews from the Rolling Meadows Fire Department, Hoffman Estates Fire Department, and the Palatine Rural Fire District responded to the scene, staffing five engines, two ladder trucks, and two ambulances. Two command officers and two fire investigator also responded. Palatine Police were on scene providing traffic control.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation, and damage estimates are not yet available.

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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