

Palatine Fire Department

Incident Press Release

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1327 N. Winslowe Drive **Bedroom Fire**

On Wednesday, June 23, 2010, at 8:06 p.m., the Palatine Fire Department responded to a report of smoke coming from an apartment at 1327 North Winslowe Drive. The first crew arrived on the scene 5 minutes later and reported smoke coming from the third floor apartment in the 12-unit building. The first engine crew entered the building to investigate and found a fire in the bedroom of the third floor unit. They controlled the fire with a portable extinguisher, while additional crews stretched a hoseline as a precaution and conducted a search of the building due to the smoke conditions. Other crews provided salvage, ventilation and other support functions. The fire was under control within ten minutes. The fire caused significant damage to the bedroom of the fire unit, and moderate smoke damage throughout that unit. No other units sustained damage, and the building remained habitable with the exception of the fire unit. Damage is initially estimated at \$15,000.

Crews from the Palatine and Arlington Heights Fire Departments responded to this fire under a mutual response agreement between the departments. A total of 19 firefighters and 3 command and administrative staff members were on the scene. There were no residents in the apartment at the time of the Fire Department arrival. The cause of the fire was determined to be a child playing with a lighter.

The Palatine Fire Department stresses the importance of keeping matches and lighters out of the reach of children. In addition, we encourage parents to educate their children in the dangers associated with these items and to always inform an adult should they find them.

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