



Palatine Fire Department

Incident Press Release

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132 W. Johnson St., Unit 503 Cooking Fire

On Friday, April 9, 2010 at 5:52 p.m. the Palatine Fire Department responded to an activated fire alarm at the above address in Palatine. Residents reported that there was a kitchen fire in a unit on the fifth floor and that the automatic sprinkler system had activated flooding the area. The first-arriving fire crews arrived on the scene in just over two minutes after the alarm transmission and reported nothing showing from the exterior of the building. The initial fire crew and an additional truck company proceeded to the fifth floor and found the remnants of a cooking fire in unit 503 that was extinguished prior to their arrival by the water flowing from one sprinkler head located in the kitchen. After the water flow from the sprinkler head was stopped, additional crews assisted with salvage and mitigation of the water hazards in the fire unit and the units directly below it. The residents of the unit received minor injuries as the result of the grease fire and refused on-scene medical treatment.

A total of 22 firefighters responded manning two engines, three ladder trucks, two ambulances, a rescue squad, and one command officer. Palatine Police Department officers handled traffic and crowd control. Damage estimates are unavailable at the time of this release. The fire unit sustained moderate fire, smoke and water damage while the units below the fire suffered additional water damage.

The Palatine Fire Department reminds residents that in the event of a contained grease fire they are strongly urged to resist the temptation of trying to cool it with water and to put it out with a fire extinguisher instead.

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