



Palatine Fire Department

Incident Press Release

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200 E. Wood St, Palatine Village Hall Reported Hazardous Materials Incident

On Friday, September 26, 2008 at 9:49 a.m. the Palatine Fire Department responded to a report of a possible hazardous materials incident at the Palatine Village Hall, 200 E. Wood Street. The first units arrived on the scene within 4 minutes and found three subjects complaining of feeling ill after being around several drums of old medications that are collected for disposal. Hazardous materials technicians from the Palatine Fire Department inspected the drums and their contents and monitored the area but found no evidence of any leak or spill of any material. One of the affected subjects was transported by ambulance to Northwest Community Hospital for further evaluation; the others were evaluated at the scene but refused transport. The building was not evacuated and operation of Village government services was not affected by the incident. As a precaution, the drums were packed in sealed containers by hazardous materials technicians for proper disposal.

A total of 17 firefighters (three of whom are technicians on the Palatine Fire Department's Hazardous Materials Response Team) manning two engines, two ladder trucks, and two ambulances were on the scene, along with 2 command officers. The Palatine Rural Fire District assisted the Palatine Fire Department at this incident. There was no property loss and the Village Hall remains open for business as usual.

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