

# **Palatine Fire Department**

## **Incident Press Release**

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### **50 S. Pine Street Garage Fire with Exposure**

On Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at 2:12 a.m., the Palatine Fire Department responded to a report of a car on fire in a garage at 50 S. Pine St. The first crew arrived on the scene 5 minutes later and reported a detached 24' x 24' garage fully involved in fire, with a passenger car burning in the driveway and fire being blown toward the house due to the windy conditions. The first engine crew used a 2 ½" hose line to attack the fire. The second- and third-in crews pulled additional hose lines to protect the nearby garage at 44 S. Pine St. and to further attack the fire. Other crews provided salvage and overhaul, EMS, safety and support functions. The fire was under control within nineteen minutes of the Fire Department's arrival. The fire destroyed the garage it originated in and the vehicle in the driveway, a 2006 Chevrolet. It also ignited the siding on the garage at 44 S. Pine St., which was extinguished before it caused any damage inside that garage.

Crews from the Palatine, Palatine Rural and Rolling Meadows Fire Departments responded to this fire under a mutual response agreement between the departments. A total of 18 firefighters, 5 command and administrative staff members and 3 investigators were on the scene. Damage is initially estimated at a total of \$76,000: \$50,000 for the initially involved garage and contents, \$25,000 for the car and \$1000 to the neighboring garage. There were no injuries reported. At the time of this release the cause of the fire is under investigation.

The Palatine Fire Department stresses the importance of having working smoke detectors for every floor of the home and near sleeping areas. Do not attempt to fight a structure fire yourself; always evacuate and call 911.

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