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Press Release

Condominium Fire

1000 N. Bayside Drive, Palatine, IL

Incident # 0495

January 26, 2019

8:53 a.m.

On Saturday January 26, 2019 at 8:53 a.m., the Palatine Fire Department was called for an activated fire alarm at 1000 N. Bayside Drive. As fire crews were responding, a resident of the building called 911 and reported that there was smoke coming from an unknown condominium unit at this address. The first Palatine Fire Department crews arrived on the scene at 8:59 a.m. and found smoke coming from a third story balcony. A hose line was pulled and advanced to the third floor where fire companies discovered a fire. The fire was quickly extinguished and damage was confined to the fire unit with minor damage to the unit directly below. Additional fire companies performed searches of the building for any trapped occupants and to locate any hidden fire. Firefighters stretched supply lines to nearby fire hydrants while other firefighters performed support functions. The fire was declared under control at 9:12 a.m. Firefighters continued to perform salvage, overhaul and investigative activities for some time after that.

No civilians or firefighters were injured in the fire which was contained to one condominium unit. Damage estimates are not available at the time of this release. Palatine Fire Department investigators have determined the cause of the fire to be improper disposal of smoking materials.

The fire was fought by 23 firefighters staffing three engines, two ladder trucks, three ambulances, and one rescue squad which responded to the scene along with three command officers and two fire investigators. Units from the Arlington Heights fire department were among the initial responders to the scene as part of an automatic aid agreement. An ambulance from the Long Grove Fire Protection District stood by in a Palatine Fire Station to assist with additional calls during this incident. Palatine Police officers assisted at the scene with resident evacuation and traffic control.

The place where we feel the safest, at home, is where most smoking materials structure fires, deaths, and injuries occur. Smoking materials are the leading cause of fire deaths. Smoking material fires are preventable. Do not discard cigarettes in vegetation such as mulch, potted plants, leaves, or other things that could ignite easily. Before you throw away butts and ashes, make sure they are out, and dousing in water or sand is the best way to do that (NFPA 2016).

For more fire safety information visit www.palatine.il.us or www.nfpa.org/education.

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