

Press Release

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Incident: On August 29, 2020 at approximately 0157 hours, the Sycamore Fire Department was dispatched to 1542 Timberwood Court for a report of structure fire.

Upon arrival, initial Fire Department crews found heavy smoke and fire coming from the front entrance and garage side of the four-unit apartment building extending through the roof.

Due to the significant amount of fire showing along with the life threat to the occupants, the fire response was upgraded to the Box alarm level and assistance was received from several neighboring Fire Departments including Burlington, Cortland, DeKalb, Elburn, Genoa-Kingston, Hampshire, Malta, Maple Park, and Somonauk.

An aggressive, offensive fire attack was initiated with 2 ½" and 1 ¾" hand lines and a primary search for occupants was conducted. The fire was extinguished within 30 minutes and crews remained on scene to perform salvage and overhaul operations, and to investigate the fire throughout the early morning hours.

One firefighter and two occupants were transported to Northwestern Medicine Kishwaukee Hospital with minor injuries. The apartment of origin and the immediate exposure sustained significant fire, smoke water, and structural damage. The remaining two units suffered some fire, smoke, and water damage. This resulted that all of the residents of the four units in this structure were displaced. The initial damage estimate for the structure and contents is set at \$250,000.

The Sycamore Police Department, Sycamore Water Department, Red Cross, Com Ed, and NICOR also assisted at the scene.