



ROSELLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

100 EAST MAPLE AVENUE, ROSELLE, ILLINOIS 60172

PRESS RELEASE

SINGLE SPRINKLER ACTIVATION CONTROLS FIRE IN THE WAREHOUSE

100 N. Gary Ave – Suite C Roselle, IL

Incident #2020-1368

July 7, 2020

On Tuesday, July 7th, 2020, at 3:30 a.m., the Roselle Fire Department (RFD) was dispatched to an Activated Fire Alarm (AFA) at 100 N. Gary Ave. The first-in crew arrived on-scene at 03:38 a.m. with nothing showing. Crews made entry to the pump room and noted fire pump activation, as well as a slight haze, and odor of plastic burning. Conditions revealed dense smoke, but no heat. The first-in crew systematically gained access and searched the building where they found evidence of a small fire along the south wall, which was completely extinguished by a single sprinkler. Fire crews confirmed that the building was unoccupied. Crews worked on ventilation, and extension, as well as any additional hazards in the adjacent suite. Salvage, overhaul and investigation activities continued, all units were clear of the scene at 6:58 a.m.

No civilians or firefighters were injured during this incident that was contained to a small area of the warehouse. There was a valuation of \$6.2 million in property/assets and a property loss/damage of approximately \$1,000. Roselle Fire Department Investigators have determined the cause of the fire to be accidental.

The fire was extinguished by the activation of one sprinkler prior to fire personnel arriving on-scene. Salvage, overhaul was completed by eight firefighters staffing an engine, aerial tower, and an ambulance. One command officer and one fire investigator were on-scene to assist.

This is a perfect example of how an automatic fire sprinkler system can save the property/business owner money and time in the aftermath of a fire. The fire sprinkler system did what it was designed to do. There was very little property damage, and no injuries or fatalities. The company's operations were up and running within a day.