



OSWEGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



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Press Release

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Information Regarding Multiple Vehicle Fires

(Oswego, IL) Car Fires

At approximately 2100 hrs. on Saturday, April 16, 2016, the KenCom Public Safety Dispatch Center received calls regarding a vehicle fire at 2300 Rt. 34, in Oswego, IL.(Walmart Store) Within minutes of receiving the alarm, Oswego Fire Protection District units (Truck 1, Medic 1, Engine 2, and Battalion 1) were on the scene and confirmed that two vehicles were involved in fire. One vehicle, a 2006 Chevrolet Trailblazer, was well involved in fire and a second vehicle, a Hyundai Sonata was heavily damaged from exposure to the original vehicle fire. Units on the scene had the fires under control within minutes using a pre-connected 1 3/4" hoseline and foam.

Once the fire was extinguished, Fire Investigators with the Oswego Fire Protection District conducted an investigation into the cause and origin of the fire. Investigators used information from the vehicle's driver as well as information from Walmart security cameras in making their determination. Based on the available footage from the Walmart cameras, as well as physical evidence not destroyed by the fire, investigators found no known ignition sources at the point of origin in the vehicle other than a vapor-type cigarette which was reported and found to be in a cup holder within the center console of the Chevrolet Trailblazer.

No injuries were reported to either civilians or fire / police personnel on the scene. Minor damage was reported to the pavement in the Walmart parking lot. Property damage to both vehicles and the parking lot is estimated to be in excess of \$20,000.00

The Oswego Police Department assisted with traffic control / security at the scene and took control of the scene following an investigation into the cause and origin of the fire by Oswego Fire Protection District Investigators.

The Oswego Fire Protection District was formed by voter referendum in March of 1936, covers over 60 square miles in the northeast portion of Kendall County and about 1.5 square miles of northwest unincorporated Will County.

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