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### **House Fire**

On April 1, 2007, at 9:43 PM, a State Police Trooper reported a house on fire at 1022 Central Ave, in unincorporated Downers Grove. When parking his car, he noticed some smoke in the air, and a smell of a "fireplace burning". Upon further investigation, he noticed smoke coming from the home.

The first fire units were on the scene within four minutes of being dispatched. Upon their arrival they noticed large amounts of smoke and fire showing from the rear of the building. Shortly thereafter, the entire home was engulfed in flames. The home had been burning for some time prior to the Fire Department being notified.

Due to the amount of fire, mutual aid was requested through the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System. This brought many vehicles from neighboring communities to the fire scene, and to fill in at Darien Woodridge fire stations. Fire investigators from neighboring towns were also requested.

The fire was struck out approximately an hour and a half later, and fire units remained on the scene for another two hours. Firefighters were hampered due to a lack of fire hydrants in the area. Over 2,000 feet of hose was used to supply water from the two closets fire hydrants.

No one was home at the time of the fire, but the owner arrived shortly after the first arriving units. No injuries were reported in this fire that completely destroyed the home. Damage estimates are not available yet, as the house was being remodeled. The cause of the fire is still being investigated at the time of this release.

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