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Apartment Fire

On May 10, 2006, at 1:58 P. M., the Darien-Woodridge Fire District received a report of a possible apartment fire at 2012 Ridge, in Woodridge. This was followed a short time later by an activation of the building's fire alarm system.

Fire units were on the scene five minutes later and found smoke coming from a third floor window. Firefighters advanced a hose line to the unit only to find that a fire in the kitchen had already been extinguished. At that point their efforts were to ventilate smoke from the apartment.

When the occupant was yelling fire, to get her children out of the unit, two neighbors across the hall heard her cries. Then went into the unit, saw what was on fire, and retrieved a fire extinguisher from the hallway and extinguished the fire.

Fire and smoke damage was contained to this unit. Fire investigators believe the fire occurred as a result of cooking left on the stove. Damage estimates are placed at \$10,000 to the building and contents.

The occupants of the apartment, a mother with three young children, escaped uninjured. There were no injuries to any firefighters.

In addition to the Darien-Woodridge Fire District, assistance was received from the Downers Grove, Lisle-Woodridge, Pleasantview, LaGrange Park, Tri-State, and Clarendon Hills fire departments by responding to the scene or filling in Darien-Woodridge fire stations to handle any other emergencies in the District.

The Fire District would like to remind everyone of the importance of having a multi-purpose (ABC) fire extinguisher. Having a fire extinguisher easily accessible, and knowing how to use it, can make the difference between a small fire and one that could destroy everything that you own. Additionally, accidents do happen, and everyone needs to know a fire escape plan for their home. When a fire happens there is no time to figure it out. You need to know what to do, and then do it.
