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For Immediate Release

Apartment Fire

At 6:36 AM, on May 30th, 2008, an activated fire alarm was received for an apartment building at 2020 Ridge, Woodridge. Immediately following the alarm, a telephone report from a resident was received confirming the fire. The response was then upgraded to bring additional fire units to the scene. Fire units arrived less than six minutes later, and found a fire in the bathroom of a second floor unit.

Fire crews made sure all apartments were evacuated, while a fire hose was advanced to extinguish the fire. The fire was under control in approximately 20 minutes.

Fire damage was contained to one unit, and there was slight water damage to the unit below. Only one of the six units will be uninhabitable.

The fire started in the bathroom, near a space heater, and damage is estimated to be \$15,000. No injuries were reported at this fire. In addition to Darien-Woodridge fire units, Downers Grove, Lisle-Woodridge, and Pleasantview fire departments assisted at the scene. Additional communities responded to staff Darien-Woodridge fire stations in the event of additional calls. Crews remained on the scene for two hours investigating and overhauling the fire.

Everyone needs to be aware of the dangers of space heaters. These units produce a great deal of heat, and nothing combustible should be kept within three feet of the heaters.

We would also like to remind everyone about the importance of renters insurance. If a fire occurs in your apartment building, your fault or not, the minimal cost of this insurance will replace any personal contents damaged due to the fire.

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