



# DARIEN-WOODRIDGE

Fire Protection District

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## Press Release

On March 30, 2006 the Darien-Woodridge Fire District responded to an activated fire alarm at 2128 Ridge Lane in Woodridge. Upon arrival the initial companies found heavy smoke coming from a third floor apartment. The crews made an aggressive interior attack and were able to contain the fire to the single apartment unit. The damage to the apartment was mostly located in the kitchen area, but there was some fire and smoke damage throughout the fire unit. The rest of the building had some smoke and water damage.

An examination of the scene noted that the fire originated on the stove. The melted remains of a saucepan were also found. The cause was determined to be an accident. It appears a burner on the electric stove was left on when the occupants left the apartment. The pan melted and caught other materials stored near the stove on fire. The fire then extended to the rest of the kitchen area.

The heat detector in the apartment sent the initial alarm to the fire department and this early warning along with the smoke detectors in the hallways alerted the other occupants of the building so they could safely leave the building unharmed.

This fire again shows the ability of working smoke and heat detector to warn occupants of a fire in their building. The District strongly suggests that all residents insure their smoke and fire detectors are in working order.

The Darien-Woodridge Fire District was assisted at the fire by units from several surrounding departments including Lisle-Woodridge Fire District, Downers Grove Fire Department, Tri-State Fire District and Pleasantview Fire District.

If you have additional questions, please contact the Darien-Woodridge Fire District at (630) 910-2200.

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