



PRESS RELEASE

Darien-Woodridge Fire District
7550 Lyman Ave
Darien, IL 60561



Contact Information:
Acting Chief Wayne Messenger 630-910-2200

October 29, 2007

For Immediate Release

Townhouse Fire with Injuries

On October 26, 2007, at 1:01 PM, a letter carrier reported smoke coming from a building at 7030 Dover Ct, in Woodridge. Within minutes billowing smoke was seen from roof vents and the second floor. First fire units arrived at this eight unit, two story building six minutes after the call for help.

Firefighters quickly advanced hose lines through thick smoke and fire to the first and second floors. At the same time holes were cut in the roof to relieve the smoke conditions. Due to the potential for fire spread, mutual aid was requested through MABAS, an area wide mutual aid system. This brought units from Downers Grove, Argonne, Lisle-Woodridge, Westmont, Pleasantview, La Grange Park, Tri-State and Bolingbrook fire departments to the fire scene. Approximately 50 firefighters were at the scene. The fire was brought under control within 30 minutes, but crews remained on the scene for almost four hours performing overhaul and investigating the fire.

Prior to the arrival of the fire department, two police officers knocked on doors and evacuated two units that were home at the time of the fire. One police officer was taken to the hospital for smoke inhalation, and one firefighter was taken to the hospital for a knee injury. Both were released later that day. No residents were injured.

The fire started in a second floor bathroom, but an exact cause has not been determined. The fire is under investigation. There was significant damage to two units, and they will be uninhabitable for some time. Two other units sustained minor damage. They should be able to return to their units soon. Initial damage estimates are placed at \$300,000.
