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Apartment Fire

On April 26, at 4:18 P. M., the Darien-Woodridge Fire District received a phone call of smoke from an apartment at 7319 Woodward, 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 four minutes later and found smoke coming from a third floor apartment. Firefighters advanced two hose lines and quickly extinguished the fire.

Fire and smoke damage was contained to this unit, however there was a small amount of water damage to unit apartment directly below.

While the unit sustained substantial smoke damage, the fire was contained to the kitchen area. Fire investigators know the fire occurred in the kitchen, however an exact cause has not yet been determined. Damage estimates are placed at \$25,000 to the building and \$15,000 to the contents.

In addition to the Darien-Woodridge Fire District, assistance was received from the Downers Grove, Lisle-Woodridge, Pleasantview, Westmont, 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 occupants of the apartment were not home at the time of the fire, but did return shortly after fire units arrived. No injuries to any firefighters or civilians were reported. Fire units remained on the scene for two hours.

The Fire District would like to remind renters of the importance of having renter's insurance. In a fire such as this, renters insurance will help you to replace any destroyed items and salvage anything that is usable. If a fire occurred in another unit, and they did not have insurance, you most likely would be responsible for the cleaning and replacement of your property. Renter's insurance would help in this situation.
