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Townhouse Fire

At approximately 5:32 AM, on November 4, 2009, an activated fire alarm signal was received for a townhouse at 7354 Winthrop Way, in unincorporated Downers Grove. While enroute to the call, updates were reporting a fire in one of the units.

Fire units arrived five minutes later and reported a fire in the kitchen, with a lot of smoke in the unit. While fire extinguishment efforts were being conducted, another team searched the unit and found a semi-conscious female on the second floor that firefighters removed to an ambulance for treatment. A female, who was not injured, was also located in the basement of this unit. Both civilians were transported to Good Samaritan Hospital for further treatment and observation.

The fire was contained to the stove and cabinet above it. Investigators believe the fire was due to food left cooking on the stove from the previous night. Damage estimates are being placed at \$5,000.

This fire could have been much larger, and the fire injuries been fatalities, had the building not been equipped with a working fire alarm system. The Fire District wants to remind everyone of the importance of working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in their homes. These units provide precious time to escape in the event of a fire. Residents also must remember to change the batteries on those alarms twice a year – change your clock, change your batteries.

If anyone needs assistance on where to locate smoke or carbon monoxide alarms, they should contact their local fire prevention bureau.

Darien-Woodridge units were assisted at the scene by Downers Grove and Westmont fire departments.
