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### Carbon Monoxide Detector Alerts Family

At 4:12 AM, on December 26, 2007, the Darien-Woodridge Fire District was notified that a carbon monoxide (CO) detector had activated. Upon their investigation, significant levels of CO were noted in the home at 7701 Baimbridge, in Darien, with the highest levels detected near the furnace. NICOR was called to the scene and it was determined that the furnace had a faulty heat exchanger. The building was ventilated, and the furnace was removed from service until it was repaired by a qualified contractor.

The Fire District would like to take this opportunity to remind residents that as of January 1, 2007, CO detectors have been required in almost all residential units. They must be located within 15 feet of the sleeping area(s) of the home. The unit must be battery powered, or electric with a battery backup.

We would also like to remind everyone the importance of having a fall safety check of the furnace. An inspection might reveal a cracked heat exchanger, a blocked chimney, or other problem that could allow deadly CO into your home. Unlike many other gasses, CO is odorless and colorless, and as such, is often referred to as a "silent killer".

If anyone has questions on purchasing or locating a CO or smoke detector in their home, they should contact their local fire department for assistance.

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