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### House Fire

On August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008, at approximately 8:04 PM, a possible house fire was reported at 8210 Lemont Road, in Woodridge. When units arrived on the scene, four minutes later, they found a single family house with a fire in the second floor.

The occupant, who said everyone was out of the home, met fire crews upon their arrival. Crews then pulled hose lines to the second floor to extinguish the fire. A lot of smoke was encountered on the second floor, and holes were cut in the roof to ventilate the smoke. The fire was under control in approximately 30 minutes.

The occupant stated he was on the first floor during a heavy thunderstorm. He then heard a loud noise. As he went to investigate, he heard a smoke alarm sounding. When he got to the second floor he smelled and noticed smoke coming from a bedroom. He then left the home and called 9-1-1.

Due to difficulty in initially locating the base of the fire, additional towns were requested to the scene. In addition to Darien-Woodridge units, assistance was received from Lisle-Woodridge, Downers Grove, Tri-State, Lemont, and Pleasantview Fire Departments.

Units remained on the scene for over two hours doing overhaul and investigating the cause of the fire, which investigators believe was due to a lightning strike from the storms going on at the time. Initial damage estimates are placed at \$50,000, and the home will be uninhabitable for some time. No firefighters or civilians were injured.

This is one of many incidents that occurred during the storm in Darien-Woodridge, and the surrounding areas.

Darien-Woodridge Fire District officials would like to remind everyone about the importance of having a working smoke detector on each level of the home. They should be tested monthly, and any batteries changed twice a year. Smoke detectors have a life span, and should be replaced every 7 – 10 years. If you have any questions regarding your smoke detectors, contact your local fire department for assistance.

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