



DARIEN-WOODRIDGE

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At 2335 hours on May 12th, 2014 the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District responded to the 1200 block of Willow Lane in unincorporated Westmont for the report of a residential structure fire. The owner/occupant of the home reported that upon smelling smoke inside the residence, she exited the house with her daughter and grandchildren and called 9-1-1 stating that she could see flames in the attic.

The first Darien-Woodridge units arrived at the location within 4 minutes of the dispatch and quickly extinguished the fire which caused an estimated \$15,000.00 in damage to the structure and contents. Units were on the scene for approximately an hour and twenty minutes ensuring there were no hot spots, assisting the residents and investigating the cause of the fire.

No civilians or firefighters were injured during the incident.

Darien-Woodridge Fire Investigators are focusing on an oversized light bulb in a recessed fixture located in the front porch soffit as a possible cause.

Homeowners are urged to be certain an appropriate sized light bulb is used in any light fixture by checking the maximum wattage of the fixture and never exceeding it.

Darien-Woodridge received automatic assistance from Tri-State & Pleasantview Fire Protection Districts and the Westmont Fire Department. Downers Grove and LaGrange Park Fire Departments along with the Lemont Fire Protection District provided coverage from Darien-Woodridge Fire Stations during the incident.