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Multiple Fires Over Weekend

This past weekend kept firefighters from Darien-Woodridge busy. Four large brush fires in neighboring towns had firefighters assisting in all of those fires.

On April 6th, at approximately 6:03 p. m., an activated fire alarm was received for 2016 Ridge, in Woodridge. Upon arrival of the police officers, they reported a smell of something burning so the call was upgraded for additional assistance. Further investigation narrowed the smell to a unit on the second floor. The door was forced open, and a moderate amount of smoke was noted in the unit. The source of the smoke was coming from the bathroom. The cause of the fire was determined to have been from combustibles too close to an electric wall heater.

No one was injured in the fire and the fire damage to the unit was minor. The unit will be uninhabitable for a short time.

Later that night, at approximately 11:18 p m., there was a report of a house on fire at 1517 Sequoia Lane, in Darien. Upon arrival of the first fire unit, less than two minutes later, they reported seeing smoke coming from the roofline of the house. While hose lines were being deployed to attack the fire, other companies were opening ceilings to gain access to the attic, and placing tarps over the occupant's furniture to prevent further damage.

The fire was contained to the furnace room and attic. The fire was under control within 30 minutes, but fire units stayed on the scene for several hours making sure there were no hidden fires, and to investigate the cause of the fire.

The two occupants, who safely escaped, reported a loud lighting strike in the area. In investigating the area, they noticed a glow coming from their exterior furnace room.

No injuries were reported to firefighters or civilians. The homeowners had one cat, and that was found unharmed under a bed after the fire was extinguished.

The home sustained a moderate amount of damage, and will be uninhabitable for a few months. The homeowners were in the final stages of having done many improvements to the home.

Darien-Woodridge was assisted at the scene by Downers Grove, Tri-State, and Pleasantview fire departments. In addition, several towns responded to the request for fire investigators. The cause of the fire is attributed to a lightning strike.
