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House Fire

At approximately 2:17 a.m., on March 14, fire units were dispatched to a report of a house on fire at 20W420 Rooke Court, in unincorporated Downers Grove. Fire units arrived less than four minutes later, and reported a large amount of fire coming from the garage.

Two hose lines were initially used to extinguish the fire, while other crews conducted a primary search to ensure no one was in the house and to ventilate smoke from the building. While the fire was under control in 40 minutes, crews remained on the scene for several hours to overhaul the house to make certain that no hidden fires remained. This was slightly complicated by the fact that there were two cars still inside the garage. Fire damage was contained to the garage, adjoining family room, and the attic area. The home will be uninhabitable for several months.

The three occupants of the home, and their pets, had escaped prior to the arrival of the Fire District. No civilians or firefighters were injured. Damage to the home is extensive, and no damage estimates are available at this time. The fire started in the garage. At this time the cause of the fire is undetermined and is under investigation.

The Darien-Woodridge Fire District would like to remind everyone of the importance of having working smoke alarms. The also recommend changing batteries in smoke alarms twice a year – Change Your Clock, Change Your Batteries.

Assisting Darien-Woodridge at the scene were Lisle-Woodridge, Downers Grove, and Pleasantview fire departments. Assisting in the fire investigation were the MABAS Division 10 Fire Investigators and the DuPage County Fire Investigation Task Force.

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