



# DARIEN-WOODRIDGE

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **May 18, 2016 / Hazardous Materials Incident – Chlorine Leak**

On May 17th, 2016 at 1:40 p.m. the Darien-Woodridge Fire District responded to the report of a chlorine leak at 1220 Plainfield Road in Darien at the City's water treatment facility. The leak was discovered and reported by the City of Darien Public Works employees.

Initial fire companies arrived on the scene to find what was determined to be a small leak within a water treatment building containing two (2) - 150 pound chlorine cylinders. Because the leak was contained within a building, it created an extremely hazardous condition. Due to the wind conditions small amounts of the gas were released into the mixed residential/commercial neighborhood, and evacuation procedures were initiated. Several small businesses, a local grocery store, and an occupied day-care center were evacuated. All people remaining in their residences that were in close proximity to the leak were informed to protect in place by staying indoors with doors and windows closed.

The leak was contained by Hazardous Materials teams and the scene was turned back over to the City of Darien for final mitigation and repairs. The exact cause of the leak was undetermined.

One minor injury was reported to a Darien Police Officer who was treated and released at the scene.

Assistance was utilized through the MABAS Box Alarm system which brought in Hazardous Materials Teams and Firefighters from neighboring fire departments including Argonne, Clarendon Hills, Westmont, Brookfield, Downers Grove, Hinsdale, Lagrange Park, Lisle-Woodridge, Pleasantview, Tri-State, and Lemont.