



DARIEN-WOODRIDGE

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September 21, 2015/Residential Structure Fire

On September 21, 2015, at 4:25 a.m., the Darien-Woodridge Fire District was dispatched to a report of a structure fire on the 6100 block of Janes in Downers Grove. The first unit arrived in 3 minutes and reported heavy fire coming from an attached garage and communicating into the attic and 2nd floor living space.

The rest of the first alarm assignment arrived by 4:35 a.m. and due to deteriorating conditions inside the structure and a partial collapse of the garage, the Incident Commander elevated the incident to a M.A.B.A.S. Box (Mutual Aide Box Alarm System), bringing in mutual-aid from several surrounding communities, at 4:42 a.m.

The fire was reported by the homeowner after he awoke to the smell of smoke and discovered a fire in the garage. The homeowner woke the rest of the occupants and reported to the incident commander that everyone was out of the house when he arrived. As part of standard guidelines, primary and secondary searches were completed while other companies performed aggressive fire attack and ventilation. The bulk of the fire was extinguished by 5:20 a.m. but operations continued for a significant period of time to complete overhaul and salvage.

Damage is estimated to be in excess of \$400,000 and the cause remains under investigation.

Darien-Woodridge was assisted by Tri-State, Pleasantview, Lemont, Oak Brook Terrace and Lisle-Woodridge Fire Districts along with Bolingbrook, Clarendon Hills, Downers Grove, Lombard, LaGrange Park and Westmont Fire Departments, some of whom provided coverage of District Fire Stations and handling other calls during the incident.

Pictures attached



