



DARIEN-WOODRIDGE

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November 14, 2014 / Structure Fire

On November 14, 2014, at 1925 hours, the Darien-Woodridge Fire District responded to 911 reports of a fire in the 6200 block of Woodward Avenue. The first fire unit arrived on the scene at 6215 Woodward in unincorporated Downers Grove in less than three minutes and reported heavy fire and smoke showing from the rear of the building. Initial reports from neighbors on the scene were that the occupants were all out of the house.

While hose lines were being deployed, the 1st arriving engine officer completed a 360 degree size-up and found a significant volume of fire in the rear that had already communicated into the attic and 1st floor. Fire crews initiated an aggressive, coordinated fire attack with multiple hose lines while completed primary and secondary searches. The bulk of the fire was extinguished within 20 minutes, but due to the extent of the fire, required a substantial degree of overhaul which was completed in about 45 minutes. The fire caused significant damage and destruction to the house and its contents rendering it uninhabitable.

One civilian and one firefighter were transported to the hospital with minor injuries and a family cat perished in the fire.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation but fire investigators from MABAS Division 10 are focusing on an area where refuse containers are stored outside, next to where a receptacle was frequently used to dispose of smoking materials.

Damage to the structure and contents is estimated to be in excess of \$400,000.00

Darien-Woodridge was assisted by Lisle-Woodridge, Lemont, Tri-State and Pleasantview Fire Districts and Downers Grove, LaGrange Park, Hinsdale, Clarendon Hills, Riverside and Bolingbrook Fire Departments.