



# DARIEN-WOODRIDGE

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## Apartment Fire

At approximately 11:30 a.m. on June 26<sup>th</sup>, the Darien-Woodridge Fire District received a report of a fire alarm activation at 7411 Woodward Avenue, in Woodridge. The first emergency units to arrive were the Woodridge Police Department, who reported smoke coming from the roof of a three story apartment. While en route, additional reports of a person possibly trapped in one of the units were relayed by the dispatch center to the responding incident commander.

Upon arrival of the first fire units, an aggressive search was performed of all units while multiple hose lines were deployed for extinguishment of fire on three floors and in the attic space in addition to coordinated ventilation of smoke & fire gasses.

Additional assistance was requested through the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System due to the potential fire spread and the hot weather. This brought many local fire departments to the scene to assist in fire operations and to investigate the fire. Darien-Woodridge Fire Stations were staffed with change quarters units as part of the M.A.B.A.S. system to cover other incidents within the jurisdiction.

This call was first reported when an occupant call the management office to report smoke coming from their wall. Maintenance personnel quickly went to that unit and activated the fire alarm system to alert everyone in the 40+ unit building.

Fifteen units are uninhabitable, and housing assistance was requested from the Red Cross. A dollar loss estimate is unavailable, but there is moderate damage to the building. No first responder or civilians were injured during the incident and the origin and cause remains under investigation at this time.

Darien-Woodridge fire officials would like to stress the importance of calling the fire department immediately if they see smoke or fire, or suspect there is a fire. Not doing this can be a deadly or expensive mistake. We would also remind people of the importance of having a fire escape plan that everyone in the family knows. This plan includes having at least one working smoke alarms on each level of your home.

For assistance in developing a fire escape plane or in locating where smoke alarms or carbon monoxide detectors should go, contact your local fire department.

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