



# DARIEN-WOODRIDGE

Fire Protection District

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **October 8, 2015 / Structure Fire & Multiple Simultaneous Calls Keep Fire District Busy**

On October 8, 2015 at 2:45 p.m., the Darien-Woodridge Fire District was dispatched to an automatic fire alarm in a single family residence on the 7500 block of Grant Street in Darien. At the same time the call was received, the District Units were already responding to another automatic alarm at the opposite end of its jurisdiction. A couple of units were diverted to the Grant Street address and a mutual-aid truck from Westmont was requested to respond to the incident.

The first arriving unit, the Incident Commander, reported smoke coming from the residence and was subsequently advised by a babysitter that there was a fire in the kitchen and all occupants were out of the house. The response was immediately upgraded to a General Alarm, bringing additional resources. Upon arrival, the first engine mounted an aggressive interior attack and with the assistance of other arriving units, the fire was declared under control within twenty minutes.

Damage is estimated at \$75,000 and the house will remain uninhabitable for some time. Fire Investigators are focusing on an area on the kitchen counter where several small appliances were and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.

During the first twenty minutes of the fire, several other incidents occurred throughout the District including other fire alarms and critical ambulance calls requiring substantial mutual-aid from surrounding communities.

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