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Lightning Strike and Storms

As of mid-morning on April 18, the Darien-Woodridge Fire District had responded to over a dozen storm related incidents. The vast majority of those were activated fire alarms and flooding issues. However, early in the morning a home was hit by lightning.

At approximately 2:50 a.m., a report was received of a home hit by lightning at 1614 Fox Hill Place, in Darien. Upon arrival of the first units, they were met by the homeowners who stated a slight amount of smoke was seen on the second floor, and that their chimney was struck by lightning. Investigation revealed heavy damage to the chimney and roof of the home.

Thermal imaging cameras were used to look for signs of fire behind the walls. None was noted, however several areas of charring were found. Several electrical circuit breakers for the second floor were found to have tripped. There was also a gas leak coming from the front yard that was attributed to the lightning strike.

No one was injured in this, or any of the other storm related calls, and initial damage estimates are placed at \$25,000 for the Fox Hill Place incident.

Darien-Woodridge units were assisted at the scene by Westmont, Tri-State, and Pleasantview Fire Departments.
