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Early Morning Structure Fire

On Monday, September 25th, 2017, the Darien-Woodridge Fire District was dispatched to a report of a residential structure fire on the 6000 block of Woodward Avenue in unincorporated Downers Gove at 3:02 a.m.

As part of a multi-agency Automatic Aid pact, the Lisle-Woodridge Fire District and Downers Grove Fire Department responded on the initial alarm as well, and the first units were on the scene in less than four minutes from the time of dispatch. Upon arrival, crews encountered heavy fire in the front of the single-story, single family home and were advised that all the occupants were out of the house. Coordinated fire attack, ventilation and search operations were conducted, and the bulk of the fire was extinguished within 20 minutes.

Due to the extensive amount of salvage and overhaul to be completed, Command upgraded the alarm to a "Special" bringing two additional fire companies and an extra ambulance. Damages are estimated to be in excess of \$170,000 to the structure alone and the cause remains under investigation.

The occupants, who were renting the house, reported being awoken by the sound of breaking glass and it does not appear that there were working smoke detectors in the residence. In addition, the occupants did not have renters insurance.

With Fire Prevention Week just around the corner, the Darien-Woodridge Fire District would like to take the time to remind everyone of the importance of having working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your home. In addition, if you're considering renting, it's well worth the \$15 - \$30 per month to obtain renters insurance.

In addition to Lisle-Woodridge Fire District and Downers Grove Fire Department, Darien-Woodridge also received assistance from Tri-State Fire District and Westmont Fire Department while Lemont Fire District and LaGrange Park Fire Department provided coverage for the rest of Darien-Woodridge's jurisdiction.