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Press Release – Structure Fire (7317 Woodward Avenue, Woodridge)

On Saturday, March 12, 2022 at approximately 9:04 am, the Darien Woodridge Fire Protection District along with the Lisle Woodridge Fire Protection District was dispatched for an activated fire alarm in a multi-family structure located at 7317 Woodward Avenue in Woodridge, Illinois.

The initial response consisted of two (2) engines, one (1) ladder truck, and one (1) Battalion Chief. When the first units arrived on scene at 9:09 am, they reported nothing showing from the exterior and entered the structure to investigate the cause of the alarm.

Upon further investigation, a fire was located inside the walls of one of the apartments on the ground floor. Crews quickly placed two attack hose lines into operation and other crews simultaneously began searching the remainder of the building for any individuals who may still have been trapped inside and any additional fire.

The response was upgraded to a Structure Fire Response which added an additional two (2) engine, one (1) ladder truck, two (2) ALS ambulances, and additional command staff to the response.

The fire eventually extended to all three floors of the building, which required extensive overhaul to check for any additional hidden fire.

The fire was brought under control in approximately forty minutes at 9:50 am. Units remained on scene until 12:09 pm conducting an origin and cause investigation.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation, but it does not appear to be suspicious in nature.

There were no civilian or first responder injuries or deaths.

The Village of Woodridge Building Department deemed approximately twelve (12) apartments inhabitable after the fire. Total damage estimates are unavailable at this time.

Darien Woodridge Fire Protection units were assisted by the Lisle Woodridge Fire Protection District, Downers Grove Fire Department, and the Woodridge Police Department.

Additional information will be released as it becomes available. If you have further questions, please contact the Darien Woodridge Fire Protection District at 630-910-2200.