



# DARIEN~WOODRIDGE

## Fire Protection District

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### Press Release – Structure Fire (8525 Woodward Avenue, Woodridge)

On Thursday, June 8, 2023, at approximately 3:08 am, the driver of a vehicle traveling down Woodward Avenue made a 911 call and reported that a balcony on 8525 Woodward Avenue was on fire.

A structure fire response was immediately dispatched, sending four (4) engines, two (2) ladder trucks, two (2) medic units, and several Command staff officers to the scene.

The first fire company arrived on the scene at 3:13 am and found a fire on a second-story balcony. Crews deployed a single hose line to begin extinguishment of the fire while additional crews started searching the affected unit and remaining floors for any trapped or injured occupants and any hidden fire.

Crews brought the fire under control in approximately five minutes. Units remained on scene until approximately 4:58 am, performing salvage, overhaul, and 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.

The affected condominium unit was deemed habitable after the fire. Total damage estimates are unavailable at this time.

No firefighters or civilians were injured in the fire.

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

The Darien Woodridge Fire Protection would like to remind everyone that smoke detectors save lives. All homes, including condominiums and apartments, should have a working smoke detector in and outside each sleeping area, even if there is an installed fire alarm system in the building. Fires in high-rise and condominium buildings are hazardous - residents of these kinds of buildings are encouraged to know where all the exit stairs are located and how to escape in an emergency.

For more information on smoke detectors and fire safety, please visit [www.nfpa.org/education](http://www.nfpa.org/education).

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.