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Emergency Personnel Respond to Fire at Windsor Lakes Apartment Homes in Woodridge

WOODRIDGE, III. (SEPTEMBER 25, 2026) – At approximately 10:00 a.m., emergency personnel from the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District, the Woodridge Police Department, and other area fire departments responded to a reported fire at the Windsor Lakes Apartment Homes, located in the 7300 block of Woodward Avenue.

Upon arrival, emergency crews immediately began working to extinguish the fire and evacuate the building and surrounding area.

At approximately 7:30 p.m., after several hours of sustained firefighting efforts, the fire was fully extinguished. The fire required an extended response due to the presence of natural gas. All residents were safely evacuated from the building. There were no fatalities, and three residents and one firefighter were taken to a nearby hospital for injuries. All four individuals were stable and in good condition when they left the scene.

While it can be confirmed that gas was present during this fire, the exact circumstances surrounding the fire, including its cause and origin, remain under investigation by the fire department.

All roads in the area have reopened. However, the 57 residents of the affected apartment building will not be permitted to return to their homes at this time. Services have been provided to the displaced residents by the Village of Woodridge, the American Red Cross, and other supporting services. A total of 41 units were impacted, and all residents have found temporary housing.

The American Red Cross has set up a temporary shelter for any displaced Windsor Lakes Apartment residents seeking somewhere to go. The shelter will provide meals, spiritual support, counselors, a warm and safe place to sleep, and other resources.

"The response to this incident was a strong example of the collaboration and coordination that takes place among our emergency personnel," said Jimmy Lahanis, Fire Chief of the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District. "Our firefighters, police officers, and supporting agencies worked together to safely evacuate

residents, extinguish the fire, and protect the community. We are proud of the work our crews did and grateful for the cooperation of everyone involved.”

The Village of Woodridge is working closely and actively with the American Red Cross to determine donation locations for the community and a list of needed items. As this information becomes available, it will be shared with the community through the Village’s communications platforms, which include social media, E-News, and its website.

“The strength of our community is often most visible during our most difficult moments,” said Mayor Gina Cunningham. “Woodridge has faced tornadoes, fires, and other challenges before, and time and again, our neighbors, businesses, organizations, and first responders have shown up for one another. While this incident is devastating, I know we will do the same today. We will support those who have lost their homes, care for one another, and get through this together.”

Additional information regarding the fire will be provided by the Darien-Woodridge Fire Department as it becomes available. The Village of Woodridge will continue to share updates with the community about how neighbors can help to support one another on its communication platforms.

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About the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District

The Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District provides emergency services and public safety programs to the communities of Darien and Woodridge, IL. The District’s dedicated personnel respond to emergencies and provide a variety of fire prevention, public education, and safety services, including fire code enforcement, CPR classes, car seat checks, station tours, and school programs. The District is committed to providing progressive public service while maintaining a strong focus on excellence, accountability, integrity, and the safety of its residents and firefighters. To learn more about the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District, visit dwfd.org.

About the Woodridge Police Department

The Woodridge Police Department is a professional, progressive law enforcement agency consisting of 51 sworn officers, including one Police Chief, two Deputy Chiefs, seven Sergeants, and 41 patrol officers. The Woodridge Police Department provides a full array of law enforcement services, including a Tactical Unit, Traffic Unit, Crime Prevention, GRIT, Records, and Community Service Officers. The department is proactive and works to identify and resolve issues to improve the quality of life within the Woodridge community. To learn more about the Woodridge Police Department, visit woodridgeil.gov/my_government/police_department.

About the Village of Woodridge

The Village of Woodridge is dedicated to achieving a high quality of life by providing superior customer service, responsible emergency services, and diverse programs and amenities in a fiscally responsible manner. Incorporated in 1959, with less than 500 residents, the Village of Woodridge is home to over 34

thousand people today and is located approximately 25 miles west of downtown Chicago. The Village includes thousands of acres of forest preserve land, six public elementary schools, one junior high school, and outstanding library and park facilities. To learn more about the Village of Woodridge, visit woodridgeil.gov