

PRESS RELEASE

Lisle-Woodridge Fire District

Structure Fire

At 2053 hours on 19 June 2017, members of Lisle - Woodridge Fire District Station 52 heard what sounded like an electrical transformer fail behind their station. While the members were investigating the origin of the noise, they came across a fire in a single-family house at 7212 Sprucewood Avenue in Woodridge. At the same time that LWFD members located the fire, a 911 call from a nearby resident reported a fire at 7212 Sprucewood.

A General Alarm was immediately dispatched, sending three (3) engines, one (1) squad, two (2) ladder trucks, two (2) medic units, a Safety officer and two (2) Battalion Chiefs to the scene, for a minimum of 25 Lisle-Woodridge & Darien-Woodridge Fire District personnel.

The first unit arrived on scene at 2057 hours and reported smoke and fire in the rear of the structure, which was extending into the attic.

Fire units deployed hose lines to attack the fire, initiated a search of the structure for occupants, and the roof was opened to ventilate smoke from the structure.

The fire was under control approximately 12 minutes after the Fire District's arrival; however, units remained on the scene until approximately 2247

hours performing salvage duties and overhauling the burned areas of the structure. The building was determined to be uninhabitable.

The Downers Grove Fire Department provided coverage at Lisle-Woodridge Fire District stations that were vacated to fight the fire.

There were no injuries to any civilian or emergency responders during this incident.

The Lisle-Woodridge Fire District fire investigation team investigated the cause of the fire. No further information is available at the time. Additional information will be disseminated as it becomes available.

This incident marks the first structure fire that has occurred during the Lisle-Woodridge and Darien-Woodridge Fire District's "functional" cooperation with one another. Through years of preparation and many months of combined training, both Fire District's Suppression and Command Staff Operations functioned as if they were one entity.

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