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SOUTH SUBURBAN FIRE DEPARTMENTS RESPOND TO FOUR-ALARM FIRE WOODRIDGE – At approximately 5:00 p.m. last night, fire fighters responded to an AFA (automatic fire alarm) at the Harlem Furniture Room Place at 2500 International Drive in Woodridge. When fire fighters arrived on scene, they found a fire in the 700,000 square foot warehouse area.

According to Fire Chief George Rimbo, the fire quickly escalated to a four-alarm fire which prompted fire fighters to initiate a mutual aid call to neighboring fire departments.

“Fire fighters from about 35 departments from the surrounding areas responded to help contain the fire,” Rimbo said. “At one point, we had five aerial streams going to keep the fire from spreading to other buildings.”

Rimbo said when fire fighters arrived, all the employees from the warehouse had been evacuated.

“All the employees were safely out of the building when we arrived on scene,” he said. “No fire fighters were injured during the incident.”

While the majority of the fire was extinguished, Rimbo said several companies were staying on scene through the night to ensure the fire was contained.

“The State Fire Marshall is on scene and the ATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms) will handle the investigation of this fire.”