

Statement of Ald. Joe Davis, Sr.
November 30, 2007

I would like to extend my sincere sympathy to the residents who were displaced by the apartment building fire last night at 73rd and Silver Spring. I've also prayed for the young man who sustained significant, severe burns as he tried to escape the flames, and I ask the community for their prayers as he faces the most difficult, painful challenge of his life in recovering from his injuries.

When Milwaukee Fire Department personnel responded to 7301 W. Silver Spring Dr. at 11:45 p.m. they encountered heavy fire and smoke coming the second floor and attic of the apartment building. This fire quickly turned into a third alarm. I want to thank the Milwaukee police officers who helped get residents out of the building, and I also want to thank the firefighters and MFD personnel who performed their jobs with skill and bravery, as always. I also want to wish a quick recovery to the battalion chief who injured his knee at the scene.

Again, nothing is more important than public safety, and I ask all residents to make sure they have a working smoke detector on each floor of their home, and one adjacent to each sleeping area in their home.

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