Did you know cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries? The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.

• Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking

Don't leave your house to do errandsKeep anything that can catch fire away from your stovetop.

It is that time of year again. With the cooler weather, some of us are beginning to fire up our wood stoves and fireplaces. When was the last time you had your chimney cleaned or inspected?

Most chimney fires happen because the chimney has not been properly maintained. To avoid chimney fires, use only dry, well-seasoned wood in a fireplace, and use small amounts. It is also recommended that chimneys be inspected and serviced by a professional as needed, preferably at the beginning of the burning season.

Working smoke alarms saves lives. How many detectors do you have in your house? One on every floor and one in every bedroom.

Now Recruiting!

Are you looking for a rewarding volunteer opportunity? The McBride District Volunteer Fire Depart is NOW RECRUITING! Join a fantastic team of community driven folks from right here in the Valley. Challenge yourself and learn some incredible skills. We meet Mondays 7pm at the Fire Hall.

Check out our Facebook Page McBride Fire Rescue for more information on Fire Safety.

EVACUATE

• "We used to say that you have 7-8 minutes to leave your home after you hear the smoke alarm. Now, you have more like 1 or 2 minutes from the time the alarm sounds." – Susan McKelvey, NFPA

 Modern construction trends like open spaces, synthetic materials and lightweight wood construction cause house fires to spread more quickly than they used to. Because fires spread so fast, premeditated evacuation plans are of utmost importance.

- Conduct an audit of your smoke alarms. Clean them, test their batteries, and replace any devices that are over 10 years old.
- Create a family home safety plan that includes practicing fire drills. Teach kids how to evacuate and where to meet up.
- Purchase multipurpose fire extinguishers and store them close to areas where fires are most likely to occur (in the kitchen, near electrical equipment, etc.)
- Consider a 24/7 monitored security system with smoke alarms. A trained professional will respond to your alarm even if you're not home.







Thank You to the McBride District Volunteer Fire Department & Firefighters in our community









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