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Brooklyn Park Fire Department Raises Awareness about Kitchen Fires

Brooklyn Park, (MN) – 10/05/2020 – Today, Brooklyn Park’s Fire Chief T. John Cunningham announced Fire Prevention Week. As part of a national effort to increase fire safety, the theme this year is "Serve up Fire Safety in the Kitchen". Throughout the week the fire department will have educational posts and PSA videos on social media. They will also host two live-streamed demonstrations showing what to do and not to do in the kitchen to avoid a fire and virtual open houses.

“This year we needed to think outside the box on our community outreach since COVID-19 has impacted in-person events and gatherings,” said Chief Cunningham. “With more people staying inside their homes it is arguably more important now to raise awareness on fire prevention.” The fire department’s first demonstration will be on October 6 and teach viewers how to deal with a kitchen fire. The second demonstration will cover the benefits of a home sprinkler system.

“Cooking related fires are the number one cause of fires in Brooklyn Park,” says Fire Marshal Dan Krier. “With COVID-19, as the holiday season approaching, we want to make sure residents are safe and know what you should do or not do when cooking in the kitchen.”

Brooklyn Park Fire is also sending out videos to elementary schools in the city in place of their usual in-person fire safety presentations. “We can’t go out to the schools like we normally would, but we still wanted to get the important fire safety messages to the kids,” says Fire Marshal Krier.

Follow the Brooklyn Park Fire Department Facebook page and visit, visit www.fpw.org, for more information on fire prevention week. **Media Avail:** Fire Chief John T. Cunningham and Fire Marshal Dan Krier. Media can record live demonstrations in-person however, at least 2-hour notice is needed as well as the reporter’s name.