



The Alarm...

October 2013:

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October is Fire Prevention Month!

This year's focus is on preventing kitchen fires. Did you know that approximately 150,000 home fires per year begin in the kitchen? As the center of family life is most often in the kitchen, we wanted to share a few things you can do at home to keep you and your family safe. It is important to remember that unsafe cooking habits are the main contributor to fires starting in the kitchen.



Follow these safety tips to start making your families safer:

- 1: Always pay attention to things that are cooking.
- 2: Make sure the stovetop is clean of spilled food, grease, paper, bags, etc.
- 3: Turn off the stove if you must leave the kitchen, even if it is just for a short time.
- 4: Point pot or pan handles towards the back of the stove while cooking.
- 5: Keep small children and pets out of the kitchen while cooking, or create a "kid-free" zone (3 feet from the stove) while an adult is cooking.
- 6: Have working smoke detectors and Carbon Monoxide detectors. These alarms should be tested every month.

For more tips on how to keep your families safe or for more information visit www.nfpa.org.

Latest News:

South Brunswick Fire District No. 1 has recently reached an inter-local agreement with the Middlesex County Fire Marshall's office to operate and store a foam trailer without any additional cost to our residents. The County has provided the training to our members on how to properly store and operate this new apparatus, which will be used to respond to any county emergency we are dispatched by the Fire Marshall. We also obtained permission to operate the foam trailer in response to local emergencies if necessary.

Community News:

- Saturday, October 12, 2013 is our open house. Come meet the volunteers from 1:00-4:00 at 125 New Road. There will be demonstrations on extrication, equipment, finding potential hazards in your home, and general fire safety. There will also be refreshments, activities for the kids and giveaways and prizes
- Recently we donated one of our old engines to the Mercer County Fire Academy. This engine will now be used in training the new recruits to become the next generation of firefighters.
- With the help of the Deputy Fire Marshall, John Funcheon, we will be visiting all of the Elementary Schools and Day Care Facilities this month, to instruct the children of our community about fire safety in the home.

Recruiting Information:

Apply online at: www.kpvfc.org or Call: (732) 297-0388 x 3 and leave a message for the Membership Coordinator Deputy Chief Robert Cioffi.