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Rise in Cooking Fires, Cause for Concern

Essa Township – Friday, August 24, 2018. The Essa Fire Department has responded to three kitchen fires in the last ten days. Unattended cooking was the cause in all three incidents. We are grateful that the fires were relatively minor in nature, that all residents are safe, and that they had working smoke alarms. However, these fires could easily have had very different outcomes; and could easily have been prevented.

Statistics from the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management indicate that:

- Cooking is the #1 cause of home fires and the #2 cause of all fatal home fires
- Cooking left unattended is the cause of 52% of all cooking fires
- Stovetop fires account for 71% of all cooking fires
- Dollar loss for the average cooking fire is \$27,000

The Essa Fire Department offers the following safety advice for your family:

- Always Stay in the kitchen while cooking; and if you must leave, turn the stove off
- Keep anything that burns – cooking utensils, dishcloths, paper towels and pot holders – a safe distance from the stove.
- Ensure your family's smoke alarm and CO detectors are in good working order.

Please be fire safe. For more information, please contact us.

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