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Preventing Kitchen Fires the focus of Fire Prevention Week 2020

BRANSON, Mo – Branson Fire Rescue will focus on preventing kitchen fires from October 4 through October 10, during this year’s Fire Prevention Week, titled “Serve up Fire Safety in the Kitchen,” to educate the Branson community on simple actions they can take to stay safe.

Starting Sunday October 4, 2020, and throughout Fire Prevention Week, Branson Fire Rescue will post important safety tips and educational resources to its Facebook page ([Branson MO Fire-Rescue](#)) on ways to prevent kitchen and cooking fires. The Department is also creating virtual educational opportunities for area schools.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the United States. Almost half (44%) of reported home fires started in the kitchen. Two-thirds (66%) of home cooking fires start with the ignition of food or other cooking materials.

“Most kitchen fires we see in Branson start because food is left unattended on the stove top,” said Branson Fire Rescue Chief Ted Martin. “These fires can cause significant damage to homes and create a major risk to our citizens. We want our community to be aware of this risk because these are fires that can be prevented,” said Martin.

You can find more information on Branson Fire Rescue and the services it offers, on the City’s website at bransonmo.gov/165/Fire.

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