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Falmouth Fire-EMS Promotes Fire Safety with Annual Open House Event

On Saturday October 12th Falmouth Fire-EMS will host our annual Open House. The Open House is part of National Fire Prevention Week, which runs this year from October 6th – 12th. Falmouth Fire-EMS is joining forces with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to remind local residents to 'Prevent Kitchen Fires.' During this year's fire safety campaign, the fire department will be spreading the word about the dangers of kitchen fires--most of which result from unattended cooking—and teaching local residents how to prevent kitchen fires from starting in the first place.

According to the latest NFPA research, cooking is the leading cause of home fires. Two of every five home fires begin in the kitchen—more than any other place in the home. Cooking fires are also the leading cause of home fire-related injuries.

The Open House will be held at the Central Fire Station at 8 Bucknam Road from 9 am to 12 pm. Falmouth Fire-EMS is again partnering with Falmouth Community Programs for a Touch-A-Truck event. In addition to fire trucks and ambulances, there will also be an excavator, dump truck, 18-wheeler, and a monster truck that kids can climb on and inspect. The event is free to the public.

Falmouth Fire-EMS spends Fire Prevention Week each year visiting day cares and schools throughout the town promoting fire safety.

Among the safety tips that firefighters and safety advocates will be emphasizing:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, broiling, or boiling food.
- If you must leave the room, even for a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- When you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, stay in the home, and use a timer to remind you.
- If you have young children, use the stove's back burners whenever possible. Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the stove.
- When you cook, wear clothing with tight-fitting sleeves.
- Keep potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper and plastic bags, towels, and anything else that can burn, away from your stovetop.
- Clean up food and grease from burners and stovetops

Fire Prevention Week is actively supported by fire departments across the country and is the longest running public health and safety observance on record.

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