

MINOOKA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Smoke Signals

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The dedicated members of the Minooka Fire Protection District strive to provide reliable emergency services, public education and awareness for our customers in a cost effective and responsible manner.



Winter Safety— Carbon Monoxide

Often called the silent killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide. Here are some great tips from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):



- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- Choose a CO alarm that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department. If your detector is over 6 years old, replace it.
- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO — only use outside.

Information obtained from www.nfpa.org

Save the date:

Breakfast with Santa
December 4th, 8a-12p



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Keep the Wreath RED

Minooka Fire Protection District is participating in the "Keep the Wreath Red" program to raise awareness of fire dangers associated with decorating for the holidays.

On December 1st through January 2nd, the fire department will hang a wreath strung with red lights on the front of both fire stations. The wreath will remain lit 24 hours a day throughout the holiday season. If a fire occurs that is a result of holiday decorations, a white bulb will then replace a red bulb on the wreath. This wreath serves as a constant reminder to practice safety while installing and displaying holiday decorations and this awareness may help to prevent a fire during this time.

"CANDLE WITH CARE"

- Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.
- Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn.

- Don't burn a candle all the way down — put it out before it gets too close to the holder or container.
- Never use candles during a power outage.
- Think about using flameless candles in your home. They look and smell like real candles.

