

Memorandum

Memorandum No: 23-162

Date: October 6, 2023
To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Ryan Henderson, Interim City Manager
Re: Fire Prevention Week (October 8-14)



The Anna Fire Department is committed to ensuring the safety of those living in and visiting the Anna community through increased fire prevention and awareness education. Fire Prevention Week is an annual educational campaign utilized by fire departments across the nation. The 2023 National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Fire Prevention Week theme, "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention," serves to remind everyone to stay alert and use caution while cooking.

Fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire. Home fires killed more than 2,800 people in the United States in 2021, according to the NFPA, and fire departments in the United States responded to over 338,000 home fires. Of these fires, cooking is the leading cause and fire departments responded to more than 166,400 cooking-related fires annually between 2016 and 2020. In fact, two of every five home fires start in the kitchen with 31% of these fires resulting from unattended cooking. More than half of reported non-fatal home cooking fire injuries occurred when the victims tried to fight the fire themselves.

As in previous years, the Fire Prevention Division has teamed up with NFPA to lead this year's campaign within the Anna ISD educational system. The efforts of fire department staff serve to educate all students and parents about important actions they can take to remain safe while cooking. This joint endeavor exemplifies the value of our continued coordination and productive relationship with AISD.

This year, Fire Prevention Week is October 8-14. For more information about Fire Prevention Week and cooking safety, visit www.fpw.org. For fire safety fun for kids, please visit www.sparky.org.

c: Ray Isom, Fire Chief
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