

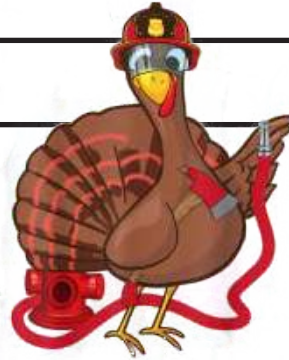
THE FIREHOUSE SCENE

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Thursday
NOV. 18, 2021
11am-2pm



Annual

Senior Turkey Dinner

**Turkey, Dressing, Potatoes
Vegetable & Dessert**

Fire Sta#1- 10544 Main St. Roscoe

Drive Thru Pickup Only!
(No phone orders)

We will be posting a map on which way to enter the station parking lot to pick up your dinner and there will be plenty of signs to direct you.



FROM THE CHIEF'S DESK
BY FIRE CHIEF DON SHOEVLIN

Welcome to the month of falling leaves and the opportunity to gain back that hour of sleep we lost in March. I hope everyone not only gained that hour back this past weekend, but remembered to test and inspect all your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

A BIG thank you to all our personnel for their overwhelming work during the month of October. They not only responded to 370 calls, but assured we attended numerous events out in the community, conducted fire drills and fire safety programs in schools, and held a successful Fire Prevention Week Open House at Station #1.

This was our 5th consecutive month of responding to over 300 calls! They are doing a phenomenal job with all that they have to balance in their jobs. I am very proud of them and thank you for your continuous support to them for all that they do.

Last month I attended the Illinois Fire Chief's Annual Conference as I have over the past 13 years, excluding last year of course. I have been active on the board for 11 of the 14 years that I have been a member. Last year I was honored to be sworn in as president of the association virtually by the IL State Fire Marshal. This year it was an honor to be able to hold the conference and address the members in attendance while passing the gavel to our new president. It was also an honor to have my wife, two daughters, son-in-law, two granddaughters, two Battalion Chiefs, and a neighboring Fire Chief in attendance for this. The experiences gained, lessons learned, friendships made, and networking opportunities were most valuable in assisting me do my job. During this time, I was proud to represent Harlem Roscoe Fire Protection District and all our members. I thank our Board of Trustees for their support in allowing me to represent our department at the state level as I carried out my duties as President.

To our veterans and present military personnel, today and every day I thank you for your service to our country. If it were not for your efforts and sacrifices, we would not have the freedom, we all enjoy today.

We will be hosting our Annual Senior Thanksgiving Dinner with the Roscoe Lions Club on Thursday November 18th from 11:00 until 2:00. As it was last year, we will once again be holding it as a drive-thru to pick up a meal to take home to eat. We look forward to next year as we are hopeful to be able to return with our old tradition of a sit-down meal in the firehouse.

As we enter the holiday season and we sit down with family or friends this Thanksgiving Day, take time to appreciate the importance of them. Focus on the numerous things we do have and the hope and opportunities we can have for the future. There are many less fortunate out there and I ask we keep them in our hearts. In our eyes at times it may not always look inviting or good, however there is no other place where we can be free and have the opportunities that we do. It is up to us what we do with those opportunities. I wish everyone in our communities, our firefighters, and their families a *Happy Thanksgiving.*

Stay Safe,
Chief Shoevlin

IL Fire Chiefs Annual Conference



GAS SPILL

PHOTOS BY BC KEVIN BRIGGS

Firefighters responded to Thorton Gas Station for a gas leak at the pumps on Oct. 27th.



ACCIDENTS INVOLVING DEER



According to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, It's deer mating season or "rut" and the deer are on the move. If you encounter one on the road you naturally want to swerve out of the way but in doing so, drivers may lose control of the car or cause a more severe accident. Don't Veer For the Deer!" According to the Insurance Information Institute, 1.6 million deer/vehicle collisions occur each year, resulting in 200 fatalities, tens of thousands of injuries and over \$3.6 billion in vehicle damage. Being prepared can help prevent you from adding to these statistics.

- Be aware of your surroundings and pay attention.
- First, look for the road signs. The yellow diamonds with the deer on it are placed in high-traffic areas for deer.
- Scan the sides of the road. You may spot a deer because their eyes will brightly reflect a car's headlights.
- Watch for the rest of the gang. Deer are pack animals, and rarely travel alone. If a deer crosses in front of you, chances are there are more nearby. Slow down and keep an eye out for more deer darting across the road.
- Timing is everything. From sunset to midnight and during the hours shortly before and after sunrise are the highest risk times for deer/vehicle collisions; periods when your vision is most compromised. To add to their terrible timing, deer are on the move during mating season (between October and January).
- Wear your seat belt. It may not prevent a collision, but if the inevitable happens a seat belt can reduce injuries. This is especially true if you lose control and collide with something bigger, and more stationary than a deer.
- Stay the course. If you see a deer, brake firmly and calmly, and stay in your lane. Swerving could make you lose control of your vehicle and turn a bad situation much worse. Not to mention, deer are unpredictable, and you could swerve directly into their changed path.

SMOKE INVESTIGATION PHOTOS BY SHERYL DROST

Firefighters responded to 10670 Main St. for a smoke investigation on Nov. 11th. The inside of the building and the roof top were checked and it seems a roof top HVAC unit may have been the culprit.





VETERANS & MILITARY FAMILIES MONTH 2021
BY BC PATRICK TROLLOP

A few weeks ago, I was on a call and happened to notice a painted welcome sign that many homes have by their front door. This sign was a little bit different though. Instead of the letter O in Welcome, it was replaced by an Eagle, Globe, and Anchor (EGA). As a former Marine, I instantly noticed the welcome sign. The EGA that is presented to a young man or woman when they officially became a Marine is one the proudest moments ever for any person who has been honored enough to serve in the Marine Corps. The origins of the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor insignia worn by Marines can be traced to those ornaments worn by early Continental Marines as well as to the British Royal Marines. Needless to say, there is a bit of history there.

While on this call, I began speaking to the mother of a young Marine who is currently deployed. As our discussion went on, she was telling me of the struggles that she has as a parent having a child in the military. This made me think about many things that the public can do to support our current military members that are spread throughout the world as well as the veterans that served.

Veterans & Military Families Month was established in 1996 by the Armed Services YMCA, with the U.S. Government recognizing the occasion every year since. Each November, the President signs a proclamation declaring November National Veterans & Military Families Month, and with hundreds of thousands of service members deployed overseas, recognizing the daily sacrifices made by active duty, Guard, and Reserve military families has never been more important.

The following are just a few ways to increase awareness, and provide support to the military community:

- Donate a Thanksgiving gift to junior-enlisted members and their families through the USO-Metro's Turkeys for Troops.
- Create a Spouse or Service Member Care Package with items that would help either ease stress during a deployment.
- Adopt-a-Soldier for the Holidays
- Create a spouse care package for them to

enjoy and help reduce stress during training, deployment, and relocations.

- Visit war memorials with your family to teach your children the value of service.
- Fly the U.S. Flag.
- Adopt a military family for the holidays by sponsoring a Food Basket or Toys for junior enlisted military families through the YMCA's Operation Holiday Joy.
- Contact your nearest military base Morale, Welfare, And Recreation (MWR) office to see what events or activities might be planned on-post honoring families including special events, contests, or discounts for local businesses or attractions. Sometimes just showing up for an event or ceremony creates a stronger bond in the community.
- Volunteer at a local chapter of a Veterans Service Organization (VSO) such as the Red Cross, AmVets, Disabled American Veterans (DAV), American Legion, etc.
- Contact your nearest chapter of the Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society, Air Force Aid Society, Army Emergency Relief, or Coast Guard Mutual Assistance, to volunteer or participate in scheduled events to support their efforts. The winter months are prime fundraising and support time for these societies as they gear up to assist military families over the holiday season. The Marine Corps Annual Toys for Tots drives and similar efforts held by these agencies are always in need of volunteer help.
- Visit a veteran receiving care in a VA hospital or nursing home.
- Make a donation or volunteer with a military assistance organization like the Armed Services YMCA.

As we acknowledge and appreciate our veterans of the past and current military members for their noble and brave service to our nation, we offer gratitude for their sacrifice and for the security and protection of our freedoms. In honor to their commitment to liberty and country, we celebrate America's veterans on Veterans Day, November 11. If you would like to support our veterans by donating your time or to make contributions, please contact our local veteran service organizations like: Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), American Veterans (AMVETS), American Legion, Disabled American Veterans (DAV), and others.



VETERANS DAY 2021

Observed annually on Nov. 11th, this

day is recognized across the world and is of significant importance to many. Also known as Remembrance Day or Armistice Day in recognition of the end of World War 1, in the USA the day is used to celebrate military veterans who are or who have served in the Armed Forces.

Armistice Day was first recognized the year after the end of World War 1 in 1919 by Woodrow Wilson and the name changed to Veterans Day after World War II and the Korean War. The day was filled with Parades, memorials and most importantly a pause in business, schools and daily life at 11am as a mark of respect and moment of reflection.

In 1938, following the lead of many states in the US, an Act approved in law made 11th November a Federal holiday 'dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as Armistice Day'. In 1954 the name was changed to Veterans Day following the lobbying of congress. At one point the date was changed to October, however most people ignored this and continued to celebrate Veterans on Nov. 11th and therefore subsequently the date was changed back to Nov. 11th.

Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day -Veterans Day celebrates all those present and past who have served in the Armed Forces with emphasis on thanking those who are still with us, whereas Memorial Day recognizes those who died in service or as a result of their injuries in conflicts.

A long-standing recognized tradition within the US is the laying of a wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier in Arlington National Cemetery.

There are many ways to get involved and say thank you to Veterans. Many involve raising funds, parades, community and church services. Emphasis is placed more recently on engaging with ex-servicemen and women to ensure they have employment, a home and any support they need. There are many programs across the country to become involved with and this seems to us to be the most perfect way to show support and gratitude.

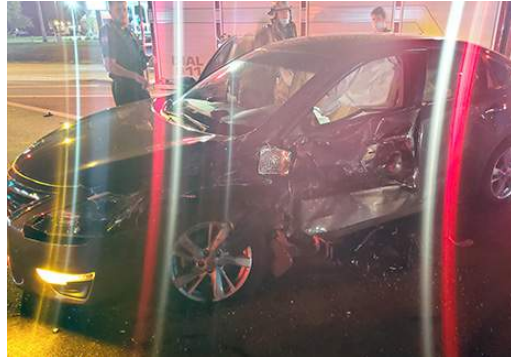
"Better than honor and glory, and History's iron pen, Was the thought of duty done and the love of his fellow-men." Richard Watson Gilder

From <https://www.awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/veterans-day-2021/>

ACCIDENTS PHOTOS BY PHOTOGRAPHER SHERYL DROST & DUTY OFFICERS



10/03/21 Hononegah Rd. & Hwy 251



10/03/21 I-90



10/06/21 Rockton Rd. and Willowbrook Rd.



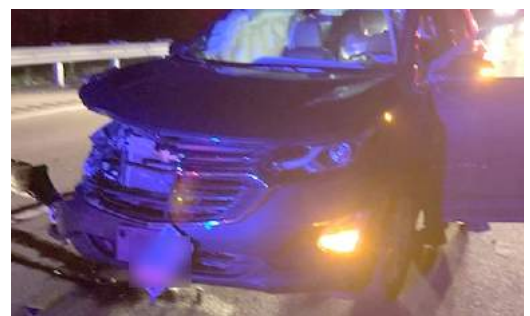
10/08/21 Hwy 251



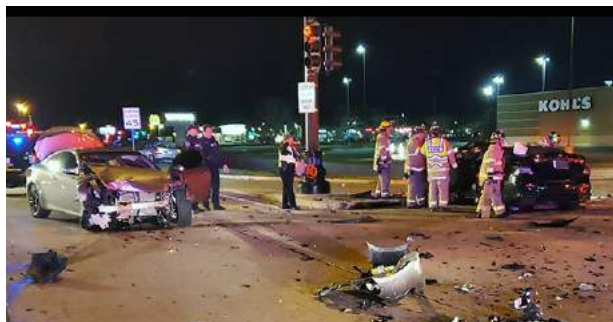
10/08/21 McCurry Rd. and Willowbrook Rd.



10/28/21 Hwy 251 & Forest Hills Rd.



11/05/21 Hwy 251



11/05/21 Hwy 251 and Hwy 173





BY DIV. CHIEF TOM AAKER

Fortunately for me, or unfortunately, training never slows down and never stops. We are always trying to keep up on our skills. So time of year really doesn't matter, just our preparation and types of training may change a little.

We are in the time of year where we try to get a lot of our mandatory trainings completed and out of the way. Currently we are doing air pack management training. This is basically done by setting up an obstacle course and running through the course with our packs on. We can gauge how long we will last on an emergency scene with a bottle of compressed air. This is important for us to know our limitations so we don't go further than we are supposed to and get ourselves into trouble.

We are completing our SCBA maze drills as well at this time. This looks like firefighters crawling around in a mouse maze. What it actually helps with is to give our people confidence in using the air packs that we have on the department. This maze completes different obstacles that our firefighters have to work through. Working through them helps them to have the confidence and comfort in the equipment.

When I was a kid, every holiday was spent at grandma's house. Fortunately for me, or unfortunately, we didn't ever have my dad's side of the family around. He was from Norway, so it would have been kind of hard to connect up with that side anyways. What I mean is we never had two sides of the family to schedule with. We just knew that when the holiday came, we would wake up and get ready to go out to grandmas and we would spend the day there, always on the holiday.

Now for me at least times are different. My one sister is a nurse, my wife is a nurse, I have commitments to the department to fulfill. A lot of holidays don't quite get celebrated on the days they are supposed to. I personally don't like that much, it annoys me, I'm guessing its what I was used to for so long changed, and no one likes change. My point is, this time of year we will be going here and there a few times. Sometimes trying to manage that is stressful. My advice is to try to work together to make the best schedule and remember the tradition should be about the family and being with each other, not so much what your used to or what you have done in the past. This holiday is going to prove to be different again. So don't expect the same thing you are used to. You are just setting yourself up for disappointment. Instead live in the moment and cherish your time together.

The department gets busy as well with the holidays coming. We have the parades that will have started back up again this year. We have the Senior Turkey Dinner coming. Also, the needy family food drive. Lots of things to keep us busy in the coming weeks. Hard to believe Christmas is coming right around the corner. Even the music started on some of the radio stations.....time flies.



Finally, we have been working on Pump Operators annual certification. This is completed annually as a measuring stick to ensure all of our operators are on the same page and hopefully close to the same level when it comes to operating out fire vehicles in the field. We were a little behind this year when completing the drill but we are hoping in 2022 to get back on schedule.

That's where we are, slowly but surely doing the training we need to do in order to keep our community safe day after day. Please be safe with weather and travel this year. Spend time with your families whether in person or virtual. Enjoy the season.



Thanksgiving

FIRE SAFETY TIPS



EXTINGUISHING A GREASE FIRE



STEP ONE:

TURN OFF HEAT SOURCE



STEP TWO:

DO NOT USE WATER TO EXTINGUISH A GREASE FIRE



STEP THREE:

REMOVE ALL OXYGEN- USE A BAKING SHEET OR POTS & PANS TO COVER FIRE



STEP FOUR:

USE SALT OR BAKING SODA TO EXTINGUISH REMAINING FLAMES



STEP FIVE:

IF FIRE PERSISTS, USE A DRY CHEMICAL FIRE EXTINGUISHER



STEP SIX:

CALL 911 IF FIRE BECOMES UN-MANAGEABLE

THANKSGIVING FIRE FACTS

- Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires, followed by Christmas Day, the day before Thanksgiving, Easter, and Christmas Eve.
- In 2018, (last year data is available) U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 1,630 home cooking fires on Thanksgiving, the peak day for such fires.
- Unattended cooking was by far the leading contributing factor in cooking fires and fire deaths.
- Cooking caused almost half of all reported home fires and home fire injuries, and it is the second leading cause of home fire deaths in 2014-2018

Five tips for **keeping your dog safe** this Thanksgiving



1

Be aware of food hazards

Non-toxic but rich foods like turkey skin and gravy can cause pancreatitis in dogs. Chocolate, onions, garlic, alcohol, grapes, and raisins can be harmful to your dog. Make sure your guests know not to feed these things to him or leave them in his reach.

2

Watch that door!

If your dog is an escape artist? Prepare your guests in advance by hanging a friendly sign on the door. Or, if there will be lots of children running in and out of the house, confine your dog to his crate or one room for the day.

3

Prepare your dog for Thanksgiving Day

If you plan to crate your dog during dinner or other parts of the holiday, practice your routine now so your dog knows what to expect on Thanksgiving Day. If you don't use a crate, prepare a sanctuary room with water, bedding, and plenty of chew toys instead.

4

Brush up on obedience before guests arrive

Reviewing your dog's skills beforehand will help set him up for success. Practice sitting politely for petting, down, stay, leave it, and come.

5

Supervise all interactions between dogs and children

Even if your dog is well-behaved around little ones, never leave them alone together. Screaming, running, and being climbed on can overexcite and frighten dogs. If you can't supervise the dog and the children, keep your dog in his crate or sanctuary room.



Thanksgiving Fire Prevention

Did you know? Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires, followed by Christmas Day, Christmas Eve, and the day before Thanksgiving.

Be fire safe:

- Don't leave food cooking unattended.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey, and check on it frequently.
- Make and practice a fire escape plan.
- Keep anything that can catch fire (oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging) away from the stovetop.

THANKSGIVING JOKES FOR KIDS

- Q: Where did they take the Mayflower when it was sick? A: The nearest doc.
- Q: How did Mayflower sailors say hello to each other? A: They waved.
- Q: How did they clean their clothes on the Mayflower? A: Tide!
- Q: What do vampires call Thanksgiving? A: Fangs-giving.
- Q: What did the Mayflower sailors play when they were bored? A: Cards – because they always have a deck.
- Q: Why did the pilgrim's pants keep falling down? A: Because his belt buckle was on his hat.
- Q: What did the baby corn say to mama corn? A: Where's pop corn?



Submitted by Capt. Tim Bergeron

National Epilepsy Awareness Month in November is an annual event that teaches people about epilepsy's causes and symptoms. One in 26 people will be diagnosed with epilepsy at some point during their lifetime. Epilepsy is one of the least understood of all the neurological diseases, yet it is the fourth most common. During this month, many organizations join together to provide information about prevention, treatment, research, and resources to fight epilepsy.

HISTORY

Epilepsy, unfortunately, has a long history of misunderstanding and stigmatism. Evidence of individuals suffering epilepsy in ancient history attributed it to spiritual or demonic possession. In fact, Hippocrates, the great Roman medical practitioner, shunned the notion that it was a supernatural phenomena and believed that it derived from the brain, had hereditary aspects, and that how it presented itself in childhood also determined how it affected the rest of the individual's life.

Unfortunately, Hippocrates wasn't believed until well into the 17th century, when the notion that it wasn't demonic or spiritual possession finally subsided. But, the stigma associated with it continues to this day. One of the goals of National Epilepsy Awareness Month is to separate the disease from its historical and false reputations. Many countries still believe that it's a sign of spiritual possession and, until 1980, individuals suffering from epilepsy weren't allowed to marry in the United States.

5 THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT EPILEPSY

1. Anyone can have a seizure - People with epilepsy are not the only ones to suffer seizures; your risk may increase if you have high fever, low blood sugar, are undergoing drug or alcohol withdrawal — or even if you're experiencing a concussion following head trauma.
2. It might be random - Two-thirds of people who suffer from epilepsy have no specific cause for their condition.
3. Vincent Van Gogh may have had seizures - Art and medical historians speculate that Van Gogh's use of yellow in his paintings resulted from xanthopsia, a condition where the sufferer sees life through a yellow filter. Xanthopsia was a side effect of digitales, a medication used to treat epilepsy.
4. It's a myth that you can swallow your tongue during a seizure - When someone has a seizure, carefully roll them on their side because if you try to put something in their mouth during a seizure, the person can injure their jaw, chip teeth or damage their gums.
5. It can be fatal - People with epilepsy who fall, lose consciousness, or have lengthy successions of seizures can die.

WHY NEA MONTH IS IMPORTANT

1. It affects the brain - Epilepsy is a neurological condition in the brain that triggers seizures. Doctors believe that a brain's uncontrolled increase of excess electrical activity hampers its normal functions — causing a short interruption to messages traveling back and forth within the brain. This interruption causes epileptic seizures.
2. It causes different types of seizures - Seizures don't affect everyone the same way. The symptoms range from rapidly blinking eyes to someone going into a state where they stare blankly for a few minutes. Some people suffer a short interval of confusion. The more serious seizures involve falling to the ground with strong muscle contractions followed by a brief disorientation.
3. It can attack randomly - There are two kinds of epilepsy — cryptogenic and idiopathic. Cryptogenic people with epilepsy have no clearly identifiable cause for their condition. Idiopathic people with epilepsy show no neurological disorder, but these sufferers have symptoms consistent with people who are officially diagnosed with epileptic syndromes.

HOW TO OBSERVE NEA MONTH

1. Register for an epilepsy walk - Communities all over the country will raise funds in a variety of ways including walks.
2. Add a name to the Remembrance Wall - The Epilepsy Foundation has a Remembrance wall where you can add the name of a loved one who has passed away from epilepsy or its related causes. You can also establish a sort of wall on your Facebook page or Twitter feed.
3. Break out in Purple - Each evening, let a purple light shine in your window. Tie purple ribbons around that old oak tree. Bake purple cupcakes and make purple pancakes. Wear a purple pin.

NATIONAL EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH TIMELINE



Seizure First Aid

What to do in the event of a seizure

1

STAY with the person and start timing the seizure. Remain *calm* and check for medical ID.



2

Keep the person **SAFE**. Move or guide away from *harmful objects*.



3

Turn the person onto their **SIDE** if they are not awake and aware. *Don't block airway*, put something small and soft under the head, loosen tight clothes around neck.

4

Do **NOT** put *anything* in their mouth. Don't give water, pills or food until the person is awake.



5

Do **NOT** *restrain*.



6

STAY with them until they are awake and alert after the seizure. *Most seizures end in a few minutes.*



Call 911:

- ▲ Seizure lasts longer than 5 minutes
- ▲ Repeated seizures
- ▲ Difficulty breathing
- ▲ Seizure occurs in water
- ▲ Person is injured, pregnant, or sick
- ▲ Person does not return to their usual state
- ▲ First time seizure

Epilepsy means the same thing as "seizure disorders"

Epilepsy is characterized by unpredictable seizures and can cause other health problems

A seizure is a sudden surge of electrical activity in the brain.

Epilepsy is the fourth most common neurological disorder and affects people of all ages

Information sourced at www.epilepsy.com

Out in the Community



Fire Extinguisher Class



Stepping Stones Trunk or Treat Halloween Celebration



Machesney Park Mall for the annual Touch a Truck & 5th Annual Fall Festival



Field Fastener employees dropped off some goodies for Veterans Day.



Elev815 donated goody boxes for each station in honor of National First Responders Day



Fire Prevention Week Open House
More photos may be seen on our HRFD Facebook Page

Chaplains Corner

By Chaplain Paul Meyers

OK female personnel, this one is for you!

I have a long time friend who recently retired from duty as Chief of an Iowa Fire Department. During a recent meeting, she mentioned to me that there are some great resources for those in and associated with the Fire/EMS Service that not all are aware of.

I took a look at the resources she sent me and I thought that a post in the newsletter during Thanksgiving month would be a great way to not only say “thank you” for your dedication and service, but also to say that I am thankful for your dedication and service. A great department expresses the qualities of both genders, and I am proud to be a part of a department which honors you.

Take a look at The International Association of Women in Fire and Emergency Services, a section of the IAFC, at <https://www.womeninfire.org>.

There is also a neat resource site at <https://triplefrescue.com>.

Forward we go!



The Firehouse Scene

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E-mail submissions to: Sheryl at: sdrost@harlemroscoefire.org

hAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER 2021

1st Don Shoefflin
3rd Joe Quast
6th Andrew Wiechman
10th Nate Noble
10th JeannieAnn Parma
14th Ken Kelley

DECEMBER 2021

11th Harold Danger
12th John Hawkins
18th Kathy Marinelli
26th Patrick Trollop
26th Kyle Swanson

Thanksgiving Safety

The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home.



- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

Did you know?



Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment.

Have activities that keep **kids out of the kitchen** during this busy time. Games, puzzles or books can keep them busy. Kids can get involved in Thanksgiving preparations with recipes that can be done **outside** the kitchen.



NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards



Holiday Reindeer Family Drive (HRFD)
Harlem Roscoe Fire Department
10544 Main Street
Roscoe IL 61073

November 1st, 2021

Dear Community Businesses, Churches & Groups,

The holidays are once again upon us and the Harlem Roscoe Fire Department is looking for your help with our food drive. For decades, we have provided families and our local seniors who are in challenging times, a complete holiday feast with plenty of extras to fill their pantry.

Yearly, we have surprised over thirty households (with an average of 75+ children) during this time with a holiday feast, wrapped toys, clothing and many other items of need for each home. Better than a sleigh, delivery to each home will be made by one of our fire trucks and handed out by your HRFD Firefighters Saturday, December 18th, 2021.

This year, we will once again be collecting nonperishable boxed, bagged and canned goods. Examples of items needed would be Macaroni and Cheese, Pop Tarts, Breakfast Bars, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Canned Goods, Pasta and Sauce, Cereal, Etc. (Send us a photo or we will take one if we pick up and we will be certain to get it on our Facebook page too!)

As to not to collect all the same items, please let our coordinator know what your team has in mind for this year's food drive. Our target date for food to be dropped off to our station or picked up from your business is now until December 15th. (Pick-up can be arranged by calling 815-623-7867 if needed)

Please contact HRFD Deputy Chief John Bergeron for participation or any other food drive questions at 815-623-7867, Monday thru Friday, 8am to 4pm.
Email him directly at hrfdjbergeron@gmail.com

Happy Holidays!
Fire Chief Donald Shoefflin
Harlem Roscoe Firefighters, Staff and Families