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National Fire Prevention Week is October 8-14. This year local volunteers are teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) to promote this year's FPW campaign, "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention™." The campaign works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take when cooking to keep themselves and those around them safe.

According to NFPA, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the United States. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of cooking fires and deaths.

"Year after year, cooking remains the leading cause of home fires by far, accounting for half (49 percent) of all U.S. home fires," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of outreach and advocacy at NFPA. "These numbers tell us that there is still much work to do when it comes to better educating the public about ways to stay safe when cooking."

Your local volunteer firefighters offers these key safety tips to help reduce the risk of a cooking fire.

1. Watch what you heat. Always keep a close eye on what you are cooking. Set a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
2. Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove. Always keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner.
3. Have a "kid- and pet-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove or grill and anywhere else hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

Carrington Fire Department



Current and former members of the fire department who attended the 25th Anniversary Celebration for the fire hall on Aug. 9. Front Row (Kneeling Left to Right): **Ean Hovdenes, Ken Wangen, Marius Botha, Brad Weninger, James Linderman, Duane Sauvageau, Tommy Moravec** and **Justin Prim**. Back Row (standing left to right): **Zach Tessman, Clarence Wolff, Neil Fandrich, Dillon Flemmer, Pete Kautzman, Joel Willey, Bradee Schroeder, Bruce Willyard, Rustin Coulter, Dallas Braaten, Troy Roundy, Jason Wolsky, Tyler Riedesel, Bob Gross, Laine Hoyt, Arron Harris, Josh Cabler, Doug Smith, Shawn Neumiller, Ryan Larson, Tate Wolsky, Russ Miller** and **Miluszka Geremia**. Volunteers not pictured: David Mindt, Deedra Aasand, Kevin Carr, Jon Gussiaas, Jason Hovdenes, Randy Munkeby, Trygg Olson, Chase Pederson, Chad Richter, Clinton Sherman, Josh Sherman, Darcio Teves and Mason Wede.

Sykeston Fire Department



Sykeston Fire Department volunteers, from left to right – Front row: **Brent Kurtz, Brad Tweed, Dennis Hafner, Derek Beckley, Joe Richter, Jon Polries, D.J. Polries**; Back row: **Troy Hafner, Vic Park, Taylor Hafner, Dave Richter, Richard Hatch, Allen Thomas, Jerome Lies**; Not pictured: Chris McIntosh, Daniel Johnston, Eric McCann, Joey Irmen

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