



Winter 2020

Fire Department News

Happy Holidays Everyone,

As another trip around the sun comes to an end we once again are into the holiday season.

Lets work together to make sure this holiday season is incident free.

30% of fires during the holiday season are caused by poorly maintained holiday decorations. Make sure that extension cords aren't damaged. Keep candles away from combustibles, put them out before leaving the house or going to bed, and most importantly make sure you have working smoke alarms!

Together we can enjoy this abnormal holiday season with our families, and look forward to a Happy New Year where the world is a less challenging place, and we can enjoy each others company.

James Bertoia, Fire Chief.

Before Heading Out or to Bed

Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

FACTS

- ! More than **one-third** of home decoration fires are started by candles.
- ! More than **two of every five** decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.



Trim the Tree with Fire Safety

- When choosing a real tree, pick one that has been freshly cut; *Needles should not fall off when touched*
- Make a fresh cut **five centimetres (two inches)** off the base of the trunk before placing the tree in the stand
- Add water to the tree stand **every day**
- Make sure the tree is **at least one metre (three feet)** away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights
- **Never** place lit candles on the tree
- Discard the tree when it dries out and large amounts of needles begin to fall off

For more information contact your local fire department.



RECRUITING NOW

**BE EXTRA
ORDINARY** JOIN OUR
TEAM

All applicants must be 18 Years of Age or Over



The Fire Department has recently completed the build on our new Rescue Truck. This truck will serve the people of St Charles for the next 15-20 years. Thanks to the team at 1200 Darch Fire for working with us to design and build

Becoming a firefighter:

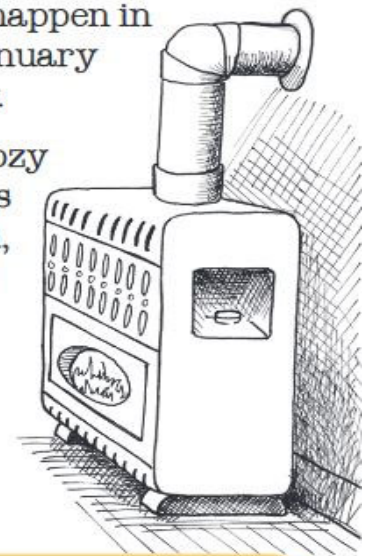
What you need to know

- No previous experience is necessary to become a volunteer firefighter and volunteers train to professional standards.
- Volunteer firefighters are all ages, male and female, and come from many diverse backgrounds.
- Volunteers are paid on-call for their response, training and practices.
- All required personal protective equipment and training are provided — there are no out-of-pocket costs.
- Your local volunteer fire department constantly needs to recruit volunteers to replace members who retire or move away.
- Volunteer firefighters commit to two hours a week of training at their local fire hall.
- The federal government provides tax credits to volunteer firefighters who serve at least 200 hours per year. Visit the municipal website to download an application

IMPORTANT REMINDER

There are more home fires in winter than in any other season. Half of all home heating fires happen in December, January and February.

As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, be fire smart!



Fact

Nearly half of all space heater fires involve electric space heaters.