

Subject: Happy Thanksgiving  
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Dear St. George Safety Network Members,

### **THANKSGIVING TIPS**

The weather is beautiful, life is good and we are approaching a great American family holiday centered around family cooking and dining. Kitchen or other cooking fires are responsible for one in three structure fires in the United States, and Thanksgiving is the day of the year in which more kitchen and cooking fires happen than any other day of the year. Please remain attentive to all the pots and pans as long as there is heat under or around them.

If you are frying a turkey, please remember these three important points:

1. Don't fry turkeys indoors, on a wooden patio or deck, or near any combustible materials.
2. Make sure the turkey is COMPLETELY thawed and as dry as possible.
3. Be aware of the ease of tipping a fryer over.

### **SANTA PARADES**

Every year St. George parades Santa through the neighborhoods of the district on top of a fire engine.

We are again partnering with the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank and Christmas for Challenged Children, a local faith-based charity. We are collecting non-perishable food items and NEW, UN-WRAPPED toys for distribution by these organizations to people with needs greater than our own in the greater Baton Rouge area. We ask you to be generous. Please have your groceries and toys bagged and ready to bring out when the Santa Parade goes down your street.

Parades will be Saturday and Sunday the first two weekends of December. See the attached file for a complete list of our scheduled subdivisions and the weekend we will parade in each. Parades will begin at 10AM Saturdays and noon Sundays. Each parade is scheduled to be made up of a fire engine with Santa followed by a Food Bank truck and a third vehicle collecting toys. Please hand your donations to the trucks behind the fire engine. Santa will of course stop to wave at children of all ages along the route, but we ask you to use caution near the moving fire engine.

Since some streets dead end and do not have a safe turn-around area for a three vehicle parade, we will not be able to go down every single street in the District. We ask your understanding of this. Please drop your food and toy donations off at any St George Fire Station should you miss the parades for any reason.

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