

2016

Holiday Safety

“ OUR FAMILY SERVING YOURS ”

Winter Holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

- ◆ Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- ◆ Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- ◆ Some lights are for indoor or outdoor use, but not for both.
- ◆ Use clips, not nails to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- ◆ Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan. Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- ◆ All heaters need space. Keep things that can burn, such as paper bedding or furniture, at least 3 feet away from heating equipment.



Christmas Tree Safety

- * Consider an artificial tree this season. They're less flammable than live trees and don't require watering.
- * If you get a live tree make sure it's fresh. Needles should be springy to the touch.
- * Cut 1 to 2 inches off the bottom of the trunk before placing the tree in the stand. A fresh cut allows the tree to absorb water. Place the tree in water right away.
- * Fill the tree stand with water every day.
- * Always turn the tree lights off or unplug them before going to bed or leaving your home.
- * Use lights that are approved by a national testing organization like UL.
- * Remove your tree immediately after the holidays even if you think it is not dry.



Our Mission is to protect life and property by providing safe, efficient and quality emergency services, fire prevention and education for our community. We provide services to 298,563 residences of St. Lucie County, operating out of 17 Stations and answering a total of 48,022 calls in 2015.

Our Educational Programs Include

◆ **Training and Safety Division**

- ◆ Citizens Fire Academy
- ◆ St. Lucie County Fire Explorers

◆ **Fire Prevention Division**

- ◆ Juvenile Fire Stoppers Program
- ◆ Safety House

◆ **Children's Programs**

- ◆ Play Safe! Be Safe! ~ Sponsored by BIC
- ◆ Learn not to Burn~ Provided by the NFPA

◆ **Adult Programs**

- ◆ Kitchen and Home Fire Safety
- ◆ Fire Extinguisher Training
- ◆ Remembering When~ Developed by the NFPA
- ◆ To learn more about our programs visit www.slcfcd.com or call us at : 772-621-3400



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*The St. Lucie County Fire District Wishes
You And Your Family A Very Safe And
Happy Holiday Season!*

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