

This week we will all be celebrating Thanksgiving. Your SFPE chapter leadership hopes you have a restful holiday and are able to spend it with those you care about and reflect on the many blessings we've all received. For a large number, this will be a time when the kitchen will be getting quite the workout which brings along an increased risk of kitchen fires. According to the NFPA, Thanksgiving Day is the leading day of the year for cooking equipment caused home fires. We've attached a safety sheet from the NFPA with some very important safety reminders for this holiday weekend.

Additionally, if you plan to be bold, try something new, and fry that turkey for the first time. Make sure you review safe preparation instructions beforehand. Here are some tips to get you started:

- You'll want a good location away from your deck and outside of your garage.
- The turkey should be completely thawed and dried before cooking.
- The cooking pot should not be overfilled.
- Use proper protective equipment (gloves, goggles, apron).
- Keep a grease- or oil-rated fire extinguisher close by.
- Never leave the fryer unattended!

Have a SAFE and Happy Thanksgiving and we will see you on Monday!

Next Meeting: December 2nd, 2019

Speaker: Daniel Gorham

Organization: Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety

Topic: Changing our Views on Wildland Urban Interface Fires

Time: 11:30am—11:50am Social Time

11:50am—1:00pm Lunch/Technical Presentation

Location: Dilworth Neighborhood Grille

911 E Morehead Street, Charlotte, NC 28204 Charlotte, NC 28211

Toy Drive Month! BRING A NEW TOY IN LIEU OF YOUR LUNCH DUES. ANY DUES COLLECTED ON THIS DAY WILL BE USED FOR TOYS IF YOU DON'T HAVE TIME TO SHOP!

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Treasurer’s Report

Current Balance—\$7,727.98 in checking and \$8,758 in Saving account

November Meeting Minutes—11/4/19

- Matt opened the meeting.
- Discussed chapter business, approved newsletter.
- Announced passing of longtime member Buford Lovett.
- Introduced speaker and Topic: Ray Vance — High Rise Sprinkler 101
- Matt closed meeting and announced December 2nd Meeting and Speaker (Daniel Gorham, Wildland Urban Interface)
- Discussed Toy Drive for Kids First of the Carolinas

Meeting Dates

December 2nd, 2019 (Toy Drive)

January 6th, 2020

February 3rd, 2020

March 2nd, 2020

April 6th, 2020

May 4th, 2020

Novemeber Attendance—24 total

Member—12

Non-Member—5

AHJ—7



SFPE Corporate 100

The SFPE Corporate 100 Partner Program was founded in 1976 to strengthen the relationship between industry and the fire protection engineering community. Membership in the program recognizes those who support the objectives of SFPE and have a genuine concern for the safety of life and property from fire. To join the Corporate 100 Partner Program (Business Member-ship in SFPE) please contact Sean Kelleher 301-718-2910 ext. 101. Please visit the SFPE website for additional information and associated forms.

Charlotte Chapter - Corporate 100 Members:



Upcoming SFPE Conferences & Expos



SFPE20
International PBD
Conference & Expo
Auckland, New Zealand
Seminars: 9-10 Mar | Conference: 11-13 Mar



SFPE 20
Annual
Conference & Expo
Atlanta, Georgia
Conference: Oct 25-27 | Seminars: Oct 28-30

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Continuing Education Opportunities

- December 4, 2019 SFPE Webinar Deluge and Preaction Systems—Introduction, Characteristics and Applications
- December 5, 2019 SFPE Webinar Single Point Density—NFPA 13 Developing Criteria
- December 9, 2019 SFPE Webinar Performance Based Design Of Fire Safety In High-Rise Timber Building
- March 10-11, 2020 Annual SFPE Greater Atlanta Chapter Fire Safety Conference

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.



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