

Rochester Fire Department Monthly Media Blast



July 2018

Hot Spots

- **Don't Be a Dud this 4th of July:** That's the message from the Minnesota State Fire Marshal's Office as people prepare their own fireworks displays to celebrate Independence Day. Some important tips RFD would like people to remember:
 - Never point fireworks at anyone or let children use them unsupervised.
 - Keep fireworks well away from structures, trees or combustible materials.
 - Keep water nearby to soak used fireworks or "duds" that fail to ignite.
 - Fireworks that leave the ground or explode remain illegal in Minnesota.
 - More than 30 percent of fireworks injuries are from sparklers.
 - Minnesota averages 73 hospital visits each year due to fireworks injuries.
 - Almost half of all fireworks injuries happen to children.

For more information on fireworks safety, contact us at the email below.

- **Kitchen Fire Simulator:** RFD will be performing live kitchen fire simulations and safety training at the Olmsted Co. Fair on July 27. There will be three demonstrations at 4, 5, and 6 p.m. The fire simulator belongs to the Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association, and provides a dramatic reminder of the dangers of mishandling cooking fires.



- **Grilling Safety:** Did you know that July is typically the peak month for home fires in the U.S.? And improper use of grills is one of the main causes of summer fires. Some important safety tips for grilling:
 - Never grill indoors.

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- Keep your grill away from your home, deck railings, and out from under eaves.
- Keep all grill surfaces clean.
- Never leave a grill unattended.
- Make sure charcoals used in grills are cold before disposing.
- Follow all manufacturer safety instructions for lighting and cleaning gas grills.

Training Calendar

- **Mayo Clinic Sim Center: July 11 & 12, Mayo Stabile Bldg:** RFD is excited to collaborate with the Mayo Clinic's Multidisciplinary Simulation Center and Limb Lab for this month's EMS training. The simulation center is a state-of-the-art facility where Mayo staff can put on "live" simulations that test first responders' abilities to assess and treat a variety of high-priority medical situations. Along with RFD staff, the Mayo Clinic and Limb Lab will have representatives on hand to discuss the training as it is taking place. If you are interested in covering these simulations, please contact us at the email below to schedule a time.

For further information or for RFD media availability, please email us at FirePublicRelations@rochestermn.gov