



## Fire Prevention Week – October 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> 2023

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has announced “Cooking Safety Starts with You. Pay Attention to Fire Prevention” as the theme for Fire Prevention Week, October 8-14. The campaign works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take when cooking, to keep themselves and those around them safe.

According to NFPA, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the United States. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of cooking fires and deaths.

Safety tips to help reduce the risk of a cooking fire:

- Watch what you heat. Always keep a close eye on what you are cooking. Set a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove. Always keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner.
- Have a “kid- and pet-free zone” of at least 3 feet around the stove or grill and anywhere else hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

Year to date, Manning Fire and Rescue has responded to 19 fires, seven of which were suspicious in nature, with one being an arson fire. Larger fires were the Aspinwall Coop Dryer, calving barn, hay bale fire consuming two buildings and a farm acreage burning three buildings. The department also responded to three vehicle accidents.

The Department purchased:

- Five MSA Air Packs last year and were able to purchase the remaining seven this year at a cost of \$9,500 per pack.
- Fire helmets were 20 years old. Twenty-nine of them were replaced at a cost of \$390 per helmet.
- Turnout gear, which consists of the coat and bunker pants, was also replaced. Most of the turn out gear is between twelve and twenty years old and costs \$3,000 per set to replace.

Manning Fire & Rescue currently has 29 members with one rookie joining and one high schooler in the explorer program. Volunteers are needed. If interested, go to Manning City Hall to apply.

The cost of Fire equipment/supplies needed to run the department increases an average of 10% every year. The department is made up of volunteers providing a service to Manning and surrounding communities.

Manning Fire and Rescue would like to thank the community for their continued support. If you wish to make a donation at this time, it can be dropped off or mailed to Manning City Hall, 321 Center Street, Manning, Iowa 51455.

**Manning Fire and Rescue will be hosting an OPEN HOUSE on OCTOBER 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Have a Safe Year!

*Robert Barsby, Chief*  
Manning Fire and Rescue



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