



The **TRUMPET**

New Chapter for OSFM



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FROM THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL

I wanted to take a moment to personally introduce myself as I step into the role of State Fire Marshal, and share some insights into my future plans for our office.

Firstly, I want to extend my gratitude to former Fire Marshal Doug Jorgensen for his leadership of the Fire Marshal's Office over the past 12 years. Doug's tireless dedication has left an indelible mark on this agency, and I am honored to step into this role as he embarks on a well-deserved retirement from 40 years of state service.

I began my fire service in Geary County as an Explorer during high school and started serving as a volunteer firefighter once I was eligible. I attended college in Illinois for 3 years, also serving as a volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician with the West Peoria Fire Protection District, a suburban area near Bradley University. During my summers, I returned to Geary County serving as a volunteer firefighter, Intern, and 911 Dispatcher. Once I turned 21, I was sworn in as a part-time Deputy Sheriff / Firefighter and, in 1994, started serving as a full-time Sheriff Deputy / Firefighter in Geary County.

In 1996, shortly after graduating with my Bachelor's degree from Kansas State University, I began serving as a Trooper with the Kansas Highway Patrol. I was initially assigned to field patrol duties in Osage County and relocated to Osage City. I joined the Osage City Fire Department and served as a volunteer firefighter, leading a project to bring all the fire departments in the county together on a common radio system. Within a few years, I was asked to transfer to the Patrol's State Headquarters in Topeka to serve in the Public and Governmental Affairs unit. At headquarters, I served as the assistant State Public Information Officer and served as the Legislative Liaison to the Kansas House of Representatives for 5 sessions.

After moving to Topeka, I joined the Shawnee Heights Fire District (then known as the Topeka-Tecumseh Fire District) which protects 190 square miles of southeast Shawnee County with a combination of full-time and part-time staff responding from 4 stations. During my years at Shawnee Heights, I served as a Firefighter / Emergency Medical Technician, Public Information Officer, Squad Leader, Training Officer, President of the Firefighters Relief Association, and eventually was appointed Division Chief.

During this time, I also served 10 years as a member of the Kansas All-Hazards Incident Management Team (IMT), task-book qualifying as both a Public Information Officer and an Operations Section Chief. I had the opportunity to deploy to a number of major disasters, including the 2007 Greensburg / Kiowa County Tornado, Hurricane Gustav in Louisiana, the 2011 Tornado Super Outbreak in Alabama, the summer long 2011 Missouri River flood, the 2016 Anderson Creek wildfire, and the 2017 Reno County wildfire.

On the law enforcement side, I continued to serve the Patrol in different roles, eventually being assigned to the Kansas Intelligence Fusion Center, where I became Deputy Director. In 2014, I was selected to join the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF). After joining the JTTF, the FBI found out about my fire experience and that I was a Hazardous Materials Technician, leading to my assignment to the FBI Hazardous Evidence Response Team (HERT) and as an Assistant Weapons of Mass Destruction Coordinator for the Bureau. In these roles, I met with and provided training to many of the hazardous materials teams across Kansas.

In June of this year, during the midst of leading the investigation of white powder threat letters sent to state elected officials and prominent figures, I learned of the State Fire Marshal opening from OSFM Chief of Investigations Wally Roberts. After thoughtful consideration and discussion with my family, I submitted my resume to Governor Kelly, who has given me the immense honor of serving as State Fire Marshal.

On a personal note, my wife Tamatha and I will celebrate 30 years of marriage in June and cherish our two daughters, Alexis, a nurse at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, and Jessica, a senior in elementary education at Missouri State University.

Over the past month, Doug has generously shared his wealth of experience, ensuring a smooth transition for me. As I settle into my new role, I am eager to get out of Topeka to shadow our field staff, gaining valuable insights into their day-to-day operations and connecting with the broader fire service community.

I want to assure you that my commitment to the OSFM, the fire service, and the citizens of Kansas is unwavering. Communication is key, I am eager to foster an open dialogue and need your input in collectively shaping the future of the Fire Marshal's Office. For our local partners who conduct inspections and investigations, I want to continue to build our relationship and support your agency so that we are providing the highest level of service to our citizens.

Should you have any suggestions, thoughts, or if you simply want to connect, please feel free to reach out to me directly at mark.engholm@ks.gov.

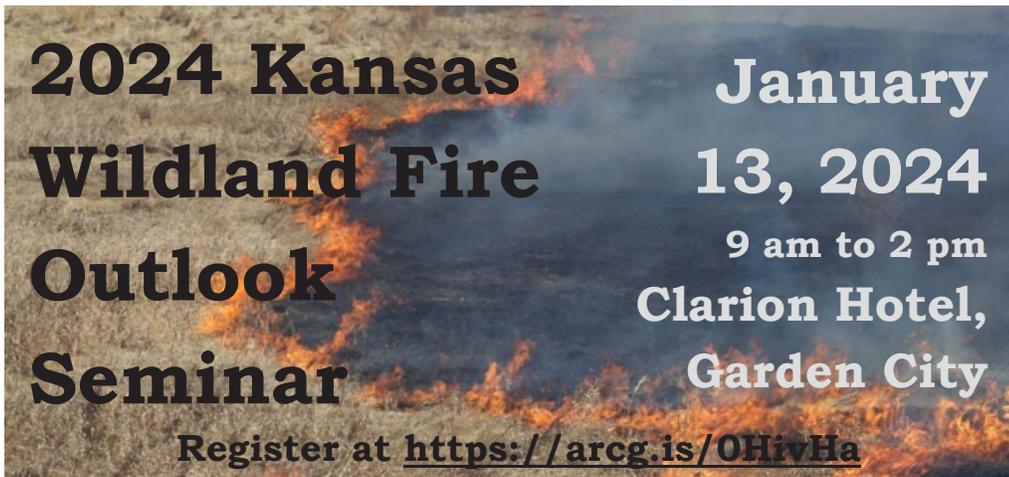


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Mark Engholm
State Fire Marshal

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2024 Kansas Wildland Fire Outlook Seminar

January 13, 2024
9 am to 2 pm
Clarion Hotel,
Garden City

Register at <https://arcg.is/OHivHa>

A working lunch will be provided for those attending in person. Participants must register by January 5 to be included in the meal count.

An in-person or virtual option will be available this year. Participants will receive Microsoft TEAMS access details after registration.

For registration questions, contact [Isabel Herrera Schultes](mailto:Isabel.Herrera.Schultes).



OUR MISSION

The agency's mission is to reduce the deaths, injuries, and property losses of Kansans through education, enforcement, hazardous material, inspection, investigation, regulation, and search & rescue incident responses.

OUR PURPOSE

To reduce the deaths, injuries, and property losses of Kansans through:

- Coordination of Search and Rescue Efforts
- Enforcement
- Fireworks and Explosives Regulation
- Hazardous Material Incident Mitigation
- Inspection
- Investigation
- Plans Review
- Public Education

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HOT SPOTS @ OSEM

Welcome to the OSFM...



Evan DuVarney

The Office of the State Fire Marshal is pleased to welcome **Deputy Boiler Inspector Evan DuVarney** and **Fire Investigator Melanie Miller** to our agency.

Evan joins OSFM as a deputy boiler inspector for Area 1, which covers northwest and north central Kansas. He comes to our office from Hadley Redevelopment and brings over 25 years of steam boiler experience with him.

He lives in Russell with his wife of 20 years, Cathleen, daughter, Neleh, and three dogs. He enjoys the outdoors and hunting.

Melanie comes to OSFM as a fire investigator in South Central Kansas after 13 years at Harper County Sheriff's Office as Deputy, K9 Deputy, then Sergeant. She also has 11 years as a volunteer firefighter for the Harper Fire Department and five years as a Harley Davidson Motorcycle Instructor.

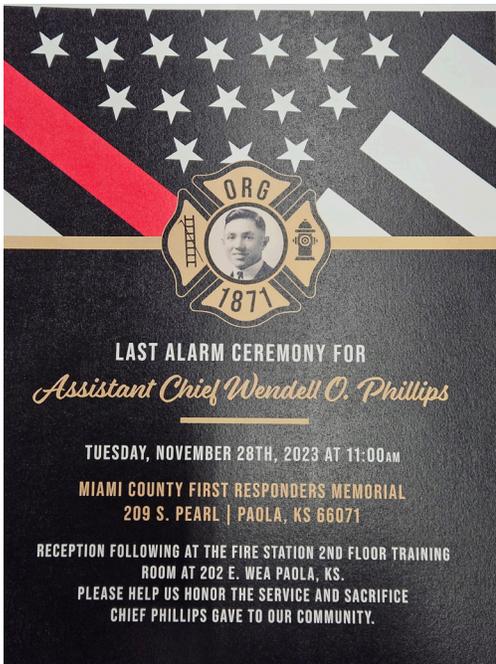
She lives in Harper with her four dogs, including her retired patrol Dutch Shepherd, Bert. She enjoys lifting weights, working with dogs and learning new things.

"I knew I had more potential to unlock," Melanie said. "I knew this position would challenge my investigative thinking, while combining two careers that I love equally."



Melanie Miller

Welcome, Evan and Melanie!



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LAST ALARM CEREMONY FOR
Assistant Chief Wendell O. Phillips

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH, 2023 AT 11:00AM

MIAMI COUNTY FIRST RESPONDERS MEMORIAL
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RECEPTION FOLLOWING AT THE FIRE STATION 2ND FLOOR TRAINING
ROOM AT 202 E. WEA PAOLA, KS.

PLEASE HELP US HONOR THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE
CHIEF PHILLIPS GAVE TO OUR COMMUNITY.

Last Alarm Ceremony Miami County Fire Responders Memorial November 28, 2023



All-Staff Meeting in Topeka to Introduce New Fire Marshal

Employees were recognized for achievements, retirements and years of service at all-staff meeting on Dec. 4 at the Sunflower Foundation Non-Profit Center in Topeka.



Mark Engholm, State Fire Marshal, addresses staff at all-staff meeting kickoff session.



OSFM Investigator Mike Tippie was awarded his 10-year pin for State service by Investigator Lamar Shoemaker (far left), Investigation Chief Wally Roberts and Fire Marshal Mark Engholm.



Randy DeShon (center) recognized by Prevention Chief Brenda McNorton and the Fire Marshal as he retires from the OSFM after 10 years of service. McNorton was also recognized for her 40 years of service.



Former Fire Marshal Doug Jorgensen, cuts the cake as he celebrates his retirements after 12 years.



Kansas Firefighter Recruitment, Safety Grants Awarded for 2024



The Office of the State Fire Marshal awarded much needed funds to 78 fire departments in Kansas through the Kansas Firefighter Recruitment and Safety Grant Program (KFRSG), totaling \$400,000. The OSFM made this grant possible through its budget passed by the State Legislature and signed by Governor Laura Kelly.

This year, over \$1.3 million was requested by 79 volunteer/part-time fire departments in Kansas for safety gear, washer/extractor machines and firefighter physicals. Departments received over \$350,000 to be used for safety gear, \$45,000 for 9 washer/extractor machines, and \$4,000 for firefighter physicals. Due to the high number of requests, OSFM will be requesting the 2024 Legislature continue funding this important grant.

“This year, I was pleased to see so many departments that applied receive some or all of their requested funds,” Doug Jorgensen, State Fire Marshal, said. “This funding will go a long way in providing these smaller, but vital departments with the gear and equipment they need to continue keeping their communities safe.”

The KFRSG grant has provided 98 washer/extractor machines to departments across Kansas since it's

inception in 2017. Having the proper protocols in place to clean firefighting gear is crucial in preventing exposure to carcinogens, particulates and bio hazards that firefighters face every day in their profession.

In total, the grant has distributed over \$3 million to 221 departments across Kansas.

Volunteer and part-time fire departments face recruitment and retention challenges because they do not have the funding to provide safety equipment. Without new equipment provided by the recruiting fire department, potential volunteers are faced with not only donating their time but also providing their own safety gear, sharing gear with others, or doing without. There is also a proven increase in cancer diagnoses for firefighters, which can be caused by prolonged exposure to carcinogens, particulates, and bio hazards. The proper gear, regular cleaning of that gear and equipment, along with preventative healthcare is crucial for a firefighter's health and well-being.

For more information on the Kansas Firefighter Recruitment and Safety Grant Program, [please visit: firemarshal.ks.gov/grant](http://firemarshal.ks.gov/grant)

KERSG FY 2024 Recipients

Abilene Fire Department
Allen County Volunteer Fire Department
Andover Fire Department
Argonia & Dixon Township Fire Department
Arma Fire Department
Atchison Rural Fire District # 1
Atchison Rural Fire District # 2
Butler County Fire District # 10
Butler County Fire District # 3
Caney Volunteer Fire Department
Centralia Fire Department
Chase County Fire Department
Cherryvale Fire Department
City of Tonganoxie Fire Department
Clark County Fire District # 1-Ashland Division
Clearwater Fire Department
Colby Fire Department
Columbus Fire Department
Consolidated Fire District # 1
Cowley County Fire District # 3
Crawford County Fire District # 2
Crawford County Fire District # 4
Edwardsville Fire Department
El Dorado Fire Department
Ellinwood Fire Department
Ellis City Fire Department
Ellis County Fire District # 1
Eureka Fire Department
Fairmount Township Fire Department
Galena Fire Department
Galesburg Fire Department
Hackberry Township Fire District
Halstead Fire EMS
Haviland Volunteer Fire Department
Herington Fire Department
Hesston Fire/EMS Department
Horton Fire Department
Jefferson County Fire District # 5
Lehigh Fire Department
Lyon County Fire District # 3

Lyon County Fire District # 5
Mankato Volunteer Fire Department
Marion County Fire District # 3
McPherson Fire Department
Meade Fire Department
Mission Township Fire Department
Moran Marmaton-Osage Fire Department
Mound Valley Volunteer Fire Department
Mulberry Volunteer Fire Department
Mulvane Fire Rescue
Olpe Fire District #1
Osage County Fire District # 5
Oswego Fire Department
Ottawa County Fire District # 6
Plainville Fire Department
Powhattan Fire Department
Pratt County Township #6
Rush County Rural Fire District #1
Russell Fire Department
Saint Paul Mission Township Fire Department
Sedgwick Fire Department
Seneca Fire Department
Shawnee County Fire District # 1
Shawnee County Fire District # 4
Sheridan County Rural Fire District # 1
Soldier Township Fire Department
South Haven Volunteer Fire Department
Stranger Township Fire Department
Syracuse Fire Department
Tonganoxie Township Rural Fire District
Towanda Fire Rescue
Wabaunsee County Fire District # 3
Wabaunsee County Fire District # 4
Washington County Fire District # 2
West Mineral Fire Department
Whitewater River Consolidated Fire Department
Wilson Fire Department



January is Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month in Kansas

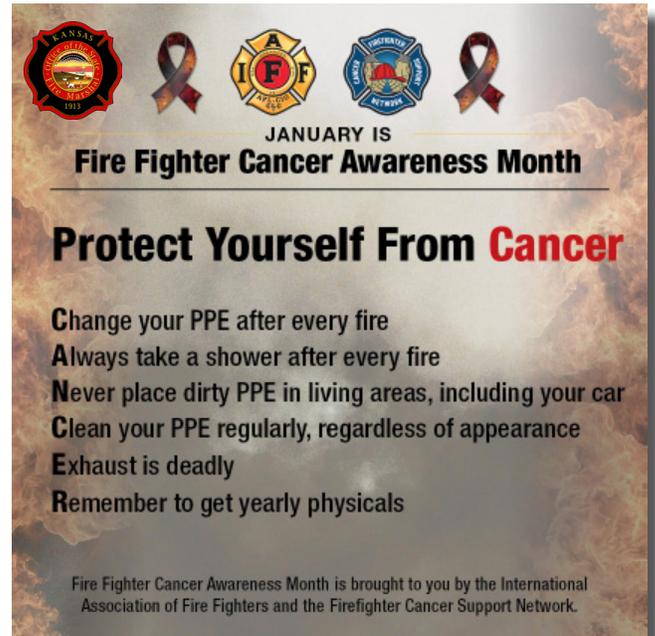
Research shows that fire fighters are more likely to be diagnosed with certain types of cancer than the general public – a trend that fire service organizations hope to reduce.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal, along with the Kansas State Firefighters Association, the Kansas State Association of Fire Chiefs, the International Association of Firefighters, and the Firefighter Cancer Support Network are all partnering to deliver targeted education about best practices and resources to prevent and reduce cancer among fire fighters during Fire Fighter Cancer Awareness Month in January.

The month-long campaign includes safety stand downs, training briefs and a focus on prevention and mitigation, including the scope of the cancer in the fire service, best practices for prevention and skills to help survivors of occupational cancer.

These topics are reinforced with online resources, such as daily training information and infographics that promote the program and underline the importance of the issue on social media, as well as podcasts addressing the important issues of prevention and documentation of exposures to carcinogens.

“Ensuring the health and well-being of fire fighters is our top priority so we can keep our communities safe. We know that there needs to be further education, more assistance and resources for firefighters when it comes to navigating an occupational cancer diagnosis,” Fire Marshal Mark Engholm said. “Working together with such dedicated groups, there is no doubt that this partnership will increase awareness and save lives.”



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Winter Holiday Safety

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.

HOLIDAY DECORATING

- 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 only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.



HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



Before Heading Out or to Bed

Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

FACTS

- ! More than **one-third** of home decoration fires are started by candles.
- ! More than **two of every five** decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.



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OSFM Prevention Staff Participate in Wolf Creek Training Exercise

In 2023, the OSFM signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Lyon County and Kansas Division of Emergency Management (KDEM) to provide personnel to assist in staffing the Lyon County Reception Center. The Reception Center Plan and facility exist to provide Coffey County residents, who are evacuated, to a facility where they can be monitored and decontaminated, if necessary.

The evacuation of residents would occur if there were a potential release at the Wolf Creek Nuclear Generating Station identified. Our agency and other Lyon County partners participated in Reception Center Training on Nov. 29 and the FEMA Graded exercise on Nov. 30. The exercise included demonstrating predetermined processes that FEMA identified within the plan. This included our personnel demonstrating the monitoring and



decontamination process to the FEMA evaluators.

Five staff members from our Prevention Division were selected to participate: Randy Deshon, Amanda Yorkey, Kenny Jaske, Charlie Rice, and Michael Yanez. All five members were assigned to work the “Decontamination 2” station, which is the most complex role as it deals with evacuees that have contamination levels that were not able to be resolved with simple solutions.

At the conclusion of the graded exercise, the FEMA representative specifically thanked our staff members for how well each of their roles were executed and for how professional they worked together as a team to ensure that station was handled accurately and safely.

“We truly appreciated the OSFM staff their participation,” Jarrod Fell, Lyon County Emergency Management Director, said. “Their time and hard work was invaluable. Most definitely, this was a job well done.”



Andover Fire Crews Earn 2023 Tom McGaughey Fire Service Award

Andover fire crews were recognized at the Annual Kansas State Association of Fire Chiefs Conference in Manhattan, on Nov. 3, for receiving the Kansas State Fire Marshal's 2023 Tom McGaughey Fire Service Award. Each year, the Office of the State Fire Marshal joins with the Kansas State Association of Fire Chiefs and Kansas State Firefighters Association to honor a firefighter or team of firefighters for heroic actions above and beyond the call of duty.

After being nominated by Andover Fire-Rescue Chief Chad Russell, Engine 16 and Ladder 15 members were selected for this year's Tom McGaughey Fire Service Award for their heroic actions and the rescue of two individuals with special needs from a structure fire earlier this year.

Engine 16 includes: Lieutenant John Gabriel, and firefighters Kevin Taylor, Jason Emley and Caleb Fistler. Ladder 15 includes: Captain Chad Cheslic and firefighter Skyler Aikens.

Andover Fire crews responded to a house fire with multiple people trapped on May 1. They arrived to find a well-involved, single-family residence with neighbors confirming two elderly individuals with limited mobility were trapped in the home.

Engine 16 arrived and initiated immediate search with a hand line. Crews found heavy dark smoke banked down more than 70 percent of the room height, and flame beginning to enter the living room space from both the kitchen and formal dining area. Firefighter Taylor operated the line protecting the access path to the basement, Lt. Gabriel located the basement stairs and went down finding one individual unable to escape. He then moved the individual up the stairs where he was assisted by firefighter Fistler in getting the patient into the care of other responders on scene. That individual was transported to the burn center in Wichita for smoke inhalation and minor burns. Gabriel and Fistler returned to the attack line, where they continued the search for the other occupant.

Simultaneously, the Ladder 15 crew had passed the engine crew and was crawling on their stomachs, trying to make it down the hallway to the back bedroom. Captain Cheslic realized they were not going to be able to make it down the hallway and made the decision to pull his crew out of the front door.

After quickly retrieving the Vent Enter Search ladder, they made entry into the northeast bedroom window. Cheslic and firefighter Aikens vented the window, finding dense smoke throughout the room. They quickly located the other victim near the middle of the room and removed the patient through the window, where CPR and advanced care by Butler County EMS was initiated. The 2nd patient was transported to Kansas Medical Center and, unfortunately, later passed away.

"These crews took quick, decisive action, with minimum staffing and at great risk to their own safety," Chief Russell said. "The burns on their turnout gear were a testament to the extreme heat faced by both crews. Assisting fire agencies were coming from Rose Hill, Wichita and Sedgwick County, but both victims were located and removed from the structure before that assistance arrived."

While search and rescue is not above and beyond the call for any Kansas firefighter, to do so with such minimal staffing and under such extreme heat conditions is what make this rescue exceptional.

"Every year, the McGaughey Award recognizes acts of heroism by Kansas firefighters," State Fire Marshal Mark Engholm said. "It is important that we take a moment every so often to pay tribute to the sacrifices our fire service personnel make each and every day, and I was honored to present this year's award to the Andover crews."

The Tom McGaughey Fire Service Award allows for an individual firefighter or crew to be recognized for their acts above and beyond their basic duties and responsibilities, and for exemplifying the finest traditions of the fire service.

Congratulations Engine 16 and Ladder 15 of the Andover Fire-Rescue Department.



Andover Fire-Rescue Engine 16 and Ladder 15 Crew Members (from left): Lieutenant John Gabriel, Firefighter Kevin Taylor, Firefighter Jason Emley, Firefighter Caleb Fistler, Firefighter Skyler Aikens, Captain Chad Cheslic, and Chief Chad Russell.

Lithium-Ion Battery Safety



Lithium-ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices including smart phones, laptops, e-scooters and e-bikes, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys, and even cars. If not used correctly, or if damaged, these batteries can catch on fire or explode.

The problem

- These batteries store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space.
- Sometimes batteries are not used the right way; batteries not designed for a specific use can be dangerous.
- Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire, or explode.

Safety Tips

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Put batteries in the device the right way.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F (0°C) or above 105°F (40°C).
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.

Signs of a Problem

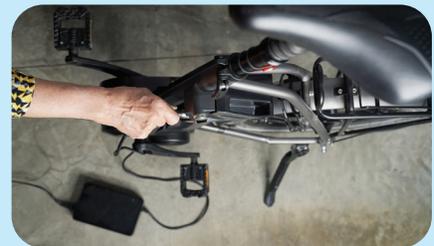
Stop using the battery if you notice these problems: odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, or odd noises. If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call **9-1-1**.

Battery Disposal

- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash.
- Recycling is always the best option.
- Take them to a battery recycling location or contact your community for disposal instructions.
- Do not put discarded batteries in piles.

Charging an E-bike

Charge your battery in a flat, dry area away from children, direct sunlight, liquids, tripping hazards, and in a location where the e-bike is not at risk of falling.



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Fire Hazard Recalls from CPSC

Name of Product:

Lenovo USB-C Laptop Power Banks

Hazard:

The power bank's internal screws can come loose, causing a short circuit and overheating of the lithium-ion battery, posing a fire hazard. Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash or battery recycling boxes found at various retail and home improvement stores. They can cause fires and explosions if they are damaged or crushed and are a hazard when thrown in the trash.

Remedy:

Replace

Recall Date:

November 22, 2023

Units:

About 2,850 (In addition, about 510 were sold in Canada)

**Name of Product:**

Style Selections 42-inch-wide Infrared Quartz Electric Fireplaces

Hazard:

The electric fireplaces can overheat, posing a fire hazard.

Remedy:

Refund

Recall Date:

November 09, 2023

Units:

About 14,670

**Name of Product:**

ZLINE 30-inch, 36-inch and 48-inch RG gas ranges

Hazard:

The oven of the gas ranges can emit dangerous levels of carbon monoxide (CO) while in use, posing a serious risk of injury or death from carbon monoxide poisoning.

Remedy:

Refund

Replace

Repair

Recall Date:

November 21, 2023

Units:

About 30,000

**Name of Product:**

Tow-Behind Field & Brush Mowers

Hazard:

The exhaust pipe can break and cause damage to the unit due to excessive heat, especially in the presence of dry cuttings or spilled fuel, posing fire and burn hazards.

Remedy:

Refund

Recall Date:

November 09, 2023

Units:

About 2,930 (In addition, 102 were sold in Canada)



For more information on recalls and consumer safety information and to sign up for direct recall notifications, please visit www.cpsc.gov.

Working smoke alarms save lives!

Free Smoke Alarm Program

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Christmas Tree Safety



As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.



PICKING THE TREE

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.



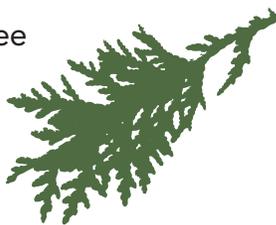
PLACING THE TREE

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.



LIGHTING THE TREE

- Use lights that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.



After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home.

Check with your local community to find a recycling program.

Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

FACTS

- ! **Almost one third** of home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems.
- ! Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.
- ! A heat source too close to the tree causes more than **one in every five** of the fires.



Your Source for SAFETY Information

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