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## **LaGrange Fire Department Responds to Structure Fire on Williams Street**

*LaGrange, Ga. May 21, 2020* – The LaGrange Fire Department was dispatched on Wednesday, May 20th, at 11:00 p.m. to 900 Williams Street for the report of a structure fire.



Structure fire on Williams Street

While fire units were en route Troup County 911 reported that the caller stated that a pot on the stove was on fire. On arrival firefighters found moderate smoke coming from the gable vent on the alpha side of the home. Crews entered through the rear entrance and quickly extinguished the fire with a 1 ¾" attack line.

The fire was under control at 11:35 p.m.

There was significant fire damage to kitchen as well as smoke and water damage to the remainder of the structure. Damage to the home and contents are estimated at \$18,000.

There were no reported injuries.

According to the National Fire Protection Agency, cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries. The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.

**Here are a few tips the LaGrange Fire Department would like citizens to remember about home cooking safety:**

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, boiling, or broiling food.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the kitchen while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

**If you have a cooking fire:**

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.

- Call 9-1-1 after you leave.
- If you try to fight the fire, be sure others are getting out and you have a clear way out.
- Keep a lid nearby when you're cooking to smother small grease fires. Smother the fire by sliding the lid over the pan and turn off the stovetop. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

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