



## **Bakersfield Composite Squadron #121**

### **60-Second Safety Advisor #47**

#### **Enjoy a Safe Thanksgiving Holiday**

The fact that over half of the home fires in the U.S. start in the kitchen indicates that the kitchen is already a very high-risk area. Add to that all of the extra helpers and the visiting that takes place while preparing the Thanksgiving meal and you have a significantly higher level of risk for fire and injury.

There are several measures that you can take to minimize the risk:

- Keep kitchen clutter and loose clothing away from stove burners.
- Turn pot handles in toward the rear of the stove, out of your child's reach.
- Never leave cooking food unattended.
- If the contents in a pot or pan catch fire, do not touch or try to move the pot or pan, extinguish the flames with a metal lid or larger pot.
- Never use water on a grease fire. Extinguish the flames with a metal lid or larger pot.
- Use potholders to prevent burns. If you are burned, let the burn cool off under a steady stream of cool tap water and seek medical assistance if necessary.
- Keep holiday decorations away from heat sources such as stoves, candles or heaters.

As always, being properly prepared and keeping a high level of situational awareness is the first step towards a safe event or activity.

