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Home Fire Safety Stressed Ahead of Holiday Cold Weather

BATON ROUGE- State Fire Marshal Chief Bryan J. Adams is reminding Louisianans about safe home heating practices as our state prepares for the arrival of the strongest cold front of the fall season so far.

“The winter time is traditionally the busiest time for home fires, and unfortunately, when we lose most lives in those home fires,” said Adams, “We need every family to be aware of the fire hazards possible associated with home heating in order to avoid them.”

The SFM’s top home heating safety tips include placing space heaters 3-5 feet away from flammable items like blankets and comforters and plugging them directly into wall outlets as opposed to extension cords and power strips that can overheat and spark a fire. Also, it is advised not to leave candles or open-flame devices, including propane heaters, unattended or in use while sleeping.

In addition, Chief Adams wants to remind Louisiana residents that smoke alarms have proven to be the difference between life and death in a fire emergency. If you need assistance obtaining smoke alarms for your home, Operation Save-A-Life can help. To learn more about Operation Save-A-Life, or to register for a free smoke alarm installation, visit our website at lasfm.org or contact your local fire department to request a free smoke alarm installation.

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