

Thanksgiving and Galena Circle Fires

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Deep frying a turkey resulted in a Thanksgiving day visit from firefighters when the fryer boiled over in Sunridge, igniting the propane line. Since the fryer was setup in the open, no damage was report to the home.

This call was one of 19 that East Fork responded to on Thanksgiving.

Another call was the report of fire coming from within the walls next to the wood stove pipe in Johnson Lane. The flames seen had come from a loose stove pipe fitting where it joined the wall. “The fire in the box was extinguished and no damage to the structure or content was reported,” Battalion Chief Goss said. The pipe did have severe creosote build-up causing the fire. “With winter temperatures upon us, we would like to remind all residents who use wood burning equipment to ensure you have the stove pipes cleaned and inspected regularly.”



A dog named Smokey may have caused a fire that happened on November 26th on Galena Court.

“Initial crews were met with heavy smoke conditions throughout the structure causing zero visibility conditions,” Battalion Chief Troy Valenzuela said. “As they made entry, they found heavy fire in the kitchen area which had extended to the attic.”

The fire was limited to the home’s kitchen area, but major smoke damage rendered the home uninhabitable.

East Fork Fire Investigator Capt. Terry Taylor said the fire definitely started on the glass top electric stove. Smokey was adopted from the Douglas County Animal Shelter and had a habit of getting into trash cans, Taylor said. The family placed the can and several other items they wanted Smokey to stay out of on the cooktop. “The stove wasn’t on when they left at 10 a.m.,” Taylor said. “I think the dog was jumping up there to get at something, and if you hit the knob it turns on the stove.”

Smokey succumbed in the fire, but a second family dog survived.

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