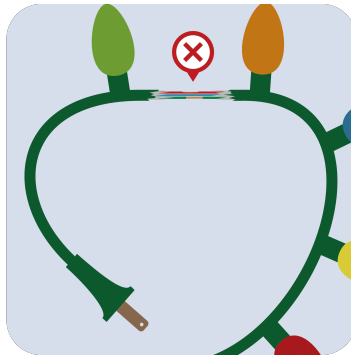# Dighton Fire

Monthly Newsletter

Happy Holidays!

Be Fire Smart This Holiday Season

Holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. Inspect holiday lights each year before you put them up. Throw away any light strands with frayed or pinched wires.

Nearly half of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source. Water your Christmas tree every day. A dry Christmas tree can burn very hot and very fast. Make sure your tree is at least 3 feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also, make sure your tree does not block exits.

November Recap

Ambulance Calls
82

Fire Calls
31

Follow These Holiday Decoration Tips to Prevent Fires This Season

1

LIGHTS

Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.

2

CANDLES

Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that burns.

3

TREES

Get rid of your tree after Christmas or when it is dry.

Happy Holidays from Dighton Fire Department!

Training Corner

November Trainings

Did you know that car crashes are the leading cause of death in the United States for people ages 1 to 54? From 2018 to 2022, the number of deadly accidents in the United States increased by more than 16% - from 36,835 fatal car crashes in 2018 to 42,795 fatal car crashes in 2022. Both department-wide trainings that took place in November were focused on emergencies involving vehicles. First, firefighters trained on different extrication techniques. Being able to access a passenger compartment quickly and efficiently to extricate a patient from a car is important for prompt patient care by our paramedics and EMTs. The second training focused on vehicle fires. Firefighters were able to practice different techniques in extinguishing vehicle fires. A big thank you to L & L Used Auto Parts for donating the space for extrication training and the cars used in both trainings.

Station Tours

We had so much fun hosting D-R MERITS Academy for a station tour in November! Participants learned about our day-to-day operations and got a closer look at some of the tools we use on emergency calls. Thank you for visiting us! If you have a group that is interested in touring the fire station, please email sguilmette@dighton-ma.gov to set up a date and time.