



# Green Bay Fire Department Press Release



## For Immediate Release

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## 1831 August St. Fire

At 7:36AM this morning, the Green Bay Fire Department responded to a report of a fire in an apartment at 1831 August St. Crews arrived on scene and observed smoke from a window and the eaves of the building. They made entry to the second floor of the 12 unit apartment building and quickly extinguished a fire in the kitchen area of one of the units.

The area of origin was the kitchen stove. The cause of this fire is careless cooking. This fire appears accidental in nature. The occupant of the apartment involved in this fire was not home at the time of the fire. Damage from the fire is estimated at \$10,000. A restoration company will be cleaning in the building today and all but one apartment will be able to be occupied. *Green Bay Police officer Randy La Luzerne activated the building fire alarm prior to the fire department's arrival and assisted in evacuation.*

**Safety-** This is the second fire that we have responded to in the last couple of days that has started in the kitchen of a home. Whether you are cooking a big holiday dinner or a late night pizza, using safe cooking practices will help keep you and your family safe.

- Cooking is the number one cause of fires in the home in the U.S.
- Do not leave your home while food is cooking.
- If you have to walk away from the stove to answer the door, for example, turn the burners on low or preferably off and throw a towel over your shoulder as a reminder that you are cooking.
- Stay alert! You won't be if you are sleepy, have been drinking alcohol, or have taken medicine that makes you drowsy.

## Incident Information

**Incident Date:** 6/5/2009

**Incident Address:** 1831 August St.

**Incident Times:** 7:36AM

**Incident Description:** Two story 12 unit apartment building

**Cause of Fire:** Cooking

**Origin of Fire:** Kitchen stove

**Estimated Dollar Loss:** \$10,000

**Injuries:** None

**Incident Number:** 4033

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