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**PRESS RELEASE: FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, OCTOBER 4-10, 2020**

GREENVILLE: The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and local State Farm Agents Nanette Mulkey and Eddie Hall, are teaming up with the Greenville Fire Department to support Fire Prevention Week, an annual public awareness campaign that promotes home fire safety.

State Farm Agents are delivering Fire Prevention Week toolkits to more than 100 fire departments across Texas, including Greenville. Each toolkit includes a host of resources for promoting Fire Prevention Week (October 4-10, 2020), including brochures, magnets, posters and more. The Fire Department will be sharing these resources at schools and other community events this fall in support of the campaign.

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen" focuses on cooking fire safety. Home cooking fires represent the leading cause of all fires with nearly half – 49 percent – happening in the kitchen. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of these fires. "The good news is that the majority of kitchen fires are highly preventable," said State Farm Agent Nanette Mulkey. "These great kits will help our fire departments spread the news to always stay focused when you're in the kitchen and never leave the kitchen unattended."

Key messages around this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign will include the following:

- Keep a close eye on what you're cooking; never leave cooking unattended
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels, or curtains — at least three feet away from your stovetop.
- Be on alert. If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use the stove or stovetop.

For more information about Fire Prevention Week and this year's theme, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen," visit [www.fpw.org](http://www.fpw.org).

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*Photo: Fire Marshal Jake Papageorgiou and local State Farm agent Eddie Hall.*