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STOVETOP FIRESTOP PREVENTS LARGE APARTMENT FIRE

On Monday June 24, the Burnsville Fire Department responded to an alarm at an apartment complex on the 13400 block of Morgan Avenue South. Crews arrived and were met by an occupant on the second floor who advised that they had a small fire on their stovetop, but that the fire was now out.

Fire crews checked the apartment and found that a plastic container on the stove had caught fire. The small fire was quickly extinguished by the presence of a *StoveTop FireStop*, which had been placed under the range hood by apartment management. The quick extinguishment of this fire by the *StoveTop FireStop* prevented it from spreading and causing more damage to the kitchen or building.

About *StoveTop FireStops*

StoveTop FireStops are passive cooking-fire extinguishers that attach above burners by magnet. If a fire starts on top of the stove, the device automatically releases a fire-suppressing powder. In 2011, the Burnsville Fire Department received grant funding to provide *StoveTop FireStops* to several Burnsville apartment complexes.

Cooking Safety Tips

The Burnsville Fire Department would like to remind people of the following cooking safety tips:

- Never store combustible items on the stove or in the oven.
- Never leave an unattended pan on the stove while cooking – shut off the heat source.
- If a pan fire starts – cover the flames with a lid (if safe to do so) and shut off the heat source.
- NEVER use water to extinguish a grease fire.
- Call 9-1-1 immediately from a safe location if a fire starts.
- Install *StoveTop FireStop* devices above your kitchen range. The devices can be purchased online or at many home improvement stores.

The Burnsville Fire Department offers free multi-lingual fire safety DVD's to residents. Request a copy by calling 952-895-4570 or watch the video online at www.youtube.com/cityofburnsvillemn (Search "Keep the Burn Out of Burnsville.")

For more information on the Burnsville Fire Department visit www.burnsvillemn.gov/fire.

(photo below)



CUTLINE: This photograph shows a *StoveTop FireStop* device in place above the range top. The device over the fire activated and extinguished the flame.

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