For Emergencies
Dial 7777 from any campus phone

For Non-Emergencies
Please Dial
(860)768-7985

FACTS

• The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.

• Most cooking fires in the home involve the stovetop.

Source: nfpa.org

How to use a Fire Extinguisher,
Remember PASS!

P: Pull the pin.
A: Aim at the base of the fire.
S: Squeeze the trigger.
S: Sweep side to side.

Sources: nfpa.org & thehartford.com

Cooking Fire in Village Apartments

On February 4, 2016 at 6:44pm The Department of Public Safety and Hartford Fire Department responded to a small cooking fire that broke out in a village apartment. Although small in nature and not causing any damage or injury the incident could have been much worse. The fire was contained to a small pan and the cooking oil inside the pan caught fire because it was over heated. In panic water was poured on to the fire as the location of the fire extinguisher was unknown. Fortunately, this put the fire out and didn’t cause the fire to spread or injure the student. We can all learn from this incident, included below are a few cooking safety tips.

• Never leave the kitchen while cooking on the stovetop. Always keep a close eye on what you are cooking. Use a timer for items that require longer cooking times. If you see wisps of smoke or the oil smells, immediately turn off the burner and/or carefully remove the pan from the burner. Smoke is a danger sign that the oil is too hot.

• Keep oven mitts, towels, papers or anything else that can catch fire away from the stovetop.

• If a fire occurs on the stovetop use a LID or another pan to COVER the FIRE and SMOTHER the FLAME. Turn off the burner and leave the pan covered until cool. Baking Soda should also do the trick.

• If a fire occurs in an oven. Turn off the heat and leave the door closed.

• If this all fails, it is best to leave the area, call public safety at 7777 or call 911 and alert the occupants by pulling the nearest pull station if you can’t put out the fire quickly and safely.

• Using a fire extinguisher or water on a grease fire could cause the hot oil to splatter and spread the fire. The heat from the fire and oil will cause the water to turn to steam so rapidly it is almost explosive in nature and can cause burns to the person attempting extinguishment.

• If a fire extinguisher must be used they are located under the kitchen sink in Park River Apartments, Village Apartments and the Townhouses at the Asylum Avenue Campus only, because they have full kitchens.

Sources: nfpa.org & thehartford.com