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KENNER INTRODUCES FIRST VIDEO AS PART OF FIRE SAFETY PROGRAM

Kenner, LA. – Stove fires are one of the most common causes of structure fires in the US, and that danger was underscored last week when a Kenner family lost their home due to a fire that started in the kitchen.

In an effort to teach residents about safety in and around the home, the Fire Department has released the first video – with the focus on safely operating cooking equipment – as part of a new Safety Training Program.

In this first video of the series, Kenner Fire Capt. Kevin Dunn explains the importance of safely operating a stove. Statistics show that cooking equipment is actually the source of 47% of all house fires in the country and 20 percent of all fatalities are the result of stove or oven fires.

While many people have homeowners insurance to cover fire damage, Capt. Dunn, a 25-year veteran of the department, said that often is not enough.

"Mementos are destroyed when a fire takes everything, lives can be lost," said Dunn. "With safer practices, photos and memories can be preserved. A fire changes your entire life. There are things you can do to keep your family safer every day."

With the inaugural educational video, Kenner is recognizing that first responders can share their expertise to help make the city a better place to live, in addition to the responsibility all firefighters have to preserve life and property.

Mayor Ben Zahn fully endorses the new video campaign. "We have some of the best first responders in the state," the mayor said. "KFD has made sustainable improvements as it moves toward being the seventh Class 1 fire department in the state. Our police officers are on the road and training every day to improve

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response. We are showing our residents and businesses we care by expanding what we can do for the community and in the community as we operate as One Kenner."

The video link for the KFD Stove Safety video can be found on the newly expanded Kenner Fire Department page on the city's website (http://www.kenner.la.us/pages/section_2_104.asp) under the Safety Training Campaign heading. In the weeks ahead, additional videos will be added on topics ranging from boating safety and using the Fire Department's smoke house to educate children to how to conduct exit drills in the home.

To submit an idea for a future training topic, please email fire@kenner.la.us your ideas for additional topics.

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