

**Norton City Fire Department**



**NORTON CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT** — Pictured are, from left, front row: Curt Luehrs, Chief Mitch Jones, Assistant Chief Kirk Nuzum, Lee Russell, Second Lieutenant Shawn Gosselin, John Baker, Jason Dial; back row: Jeff Wolf, Shawn Mortensen, Steve Otter, Flint Griffin, Steve Reedy, Dan Yost. Not pictured: First Lieutenant Kyle Jones, Captain Cameron Archer, Safety Officer/Treasurer John Hanlon, Larry Enfield, Ron Rushton, Terry Smothers, J.B. Carlton, Junior Fireman Andy Enfield and Junior Fireman Curtis Black.



**WE'RE ALL PART OF THE FIRE PREVENTION TEAM**

*The Norton Volunteer Fire Department takes pride in providing the community with firemen well-trained in fire fighting techniques but also trained in rescue operations, vehicular extrication, search and rescue and weather spotting. Some of the members are certified medical technicians.*

Candles may be beautiful, but too often they are the cause of deadly home fires.

Over the last decade, candle fires have tripled. In 2001 alone, an estimated 18,000 home fires started by candles were reported to fire departments, an all time high. These fires resulted in 190 deaths, 1,450 injuries and an estimated property loss of \$265 million. What's more, young school-age children are the most likely to be the victims of fires started by candles.



**Use Candles With Care**—  
When you go out - blow out

- Forty-one percent of U.S. home candle fires begin in the bedroom, causing 24% of the deaths resulting from these fires.
  - Seven out of 10 households in the U.S. now use candles, with younger adults more likely to use them than older adults.
- Used safely, candles can fill our homes with fragrance and create a calming and welcome mood. They add glow to the holidays and are an important part of religious observances. But what you may not realize is how easily a fire can start when a candle is left unattended or left burning while someone sleeps.
- The most important thing to remember is that you can make sure candles are used safely in your home. If you use candles in your home, follow this safety advice: Place candles on stable furniture, in sturdy holders that will catch dripping wax; Never leave a candle unattended; If the power goes out, use flashlights for illumination, not candles; Keep candles away from all things that can catch fire; Place candles on higher furniture, where they won't be knocked over by children or pets; Never place lit candles in windows, where they could ignite blinds or curtains; Don't allow children or teens to have candles in their bedrooms.

**Norton Rural Fire Department**



**NORTON RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT** — Pictured are, from left, front row: Assistant Chief Ed Witt, Jason Dial, Flint Griffin, Michael Coffey, John Baker, Shawn Gosselin; back row: Jeff Wolf, Chief Steve Otter, Steve Reedy, Michael Pfannenstiel, Mike Wentz. Not pictured: Jason Majors, Michael Mascarenas and Travis Smith.

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