

## Minutes of Meeting of POWS (People of Wekiwa Springs)

Date: 11/2012/2024

Location: Wekiwa Baptist Church, Wekiwa Springs Rd, Apopka, FL 32712

Premeeting with Officers: 6:30 pm

Discussion of upcoming events for 2025

No COY – To be replaced by individual events where Orange County or sponsors contribute donations to POWS.

Use Wekiwa Riverwalk – Involve schools, churches, local businesses

No funds for expensive events like Easter

Need to understand the popular events last year: Septic, mosquitoes, how planning is done, code enforcement, fire safety

Time: 7:00 pm

Prayer, Bob Samson

Pledge, Debby Stevens

Reading of September minutes, Bob Samson

No financial report is available at this time.

Orange County Fire and Rescue Station 27 gave a safety presentation

Group discussion on events for next year

Awards were given

Art Project update was given. It is all done at this time.

The winner of COY will be announced at the Quarterly OC meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup> at Wekiwa High School, 6:30 pm.

Christmas Party will be held on December 10 at Wekiwa Baptist. Menu planning is on the POWS Website

The meeting ended at 8:15 pm



Bob Samson, Secretary POWS

# POWS Meeting Agenda for 11/12/2024

7:00 – 8:00 PM



*New Member Registration*



*November Attendance*

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Email: [info@wekiwa-springs.com](mailto:info@wekiwa-springs.com)

Website: [www.wekiwa-springs.com](http://www.wekiwa-springs.com)

Phone: 800.254.2238

311 Website: <https://orangecountyfl.net/Home/311HelpInfo.aspx>

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Call to Order at 7:00 pm

Sue Henesy, President

Prayer

Bob Samson, Secretary

Pledge

Debby Stevens

Reading the prior minutes

Bob Samson

Financial Report

Richard Lippert, Treasurer

## **Featured Speaker: OC Fire and Rescue Station 27 "Holiday Safety"**

President's Report

Sue Henesy

Group Discussion: Ideas for 2025 events

Christmas/Holiday Party

Awards

Art Project Update

Kelly Dawson, Art Committee Chair

Upcoming Efforts

Change to the Sign at Wekiwa Springs Rd and 436

Corridor of the Year Contest Review

Jeff Engelbrecht

Adjournment

Sue Henesy

# EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION CARD



**Orange County  
Fire Rescue**

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION CARD

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
MM DD YEAR

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

List Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List Medications: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other Information: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do not resuscitate:  Yes  No

Attach or list location: \_\_\_\_\_  
(must have the physical yellow page, no copies)

### OPTIONAL SECTIONS:

Blood type: \_\_\_\_\_ Pregnant:  Yes  No



Preferred hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

### EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Winter Holiday Safety

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

## HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

## HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



## Before Heading Out or to Bed

**Blow out** lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

## FACTS

- ! **Two of every five** home decoration fires are started by candles.
- ! **Nearly half** of decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.

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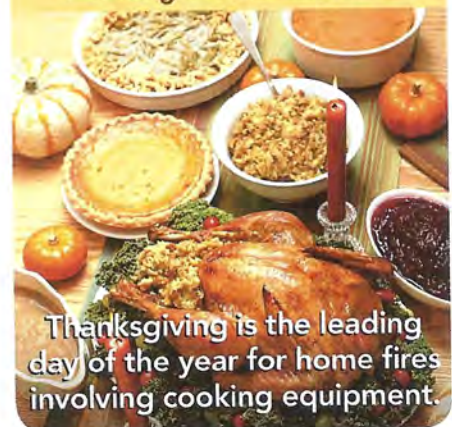
# Thanksgiving Safety

The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home.



- » Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- » Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- » Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- » Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- » Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- » Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- » Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- » Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- » Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- » Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

## Did you know?



Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment.

**Have activities** that keep **kids out of the kitchen** during this busy time. Games, puzzles or books can keep them busy. Kids can get involved in Thanksgiving preparations with recipes that can be done **outside** the kitchen.

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# Carbon Monoxide Safety



**Carbon monoxide (CO) is a gas. It has no odor. CO gas is poisonous. It can make a person feel sick and can be deadly. In the home, heating and cooking devices that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.**

## **CO ALARMS**

- »»» CO alarms should be installed outside each sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. It is best to use interconnected alarms. When one sounds, all CO alarms in the home sound.
- »»» Follow the instructions on the package to properly install the CO alarm.
- »»» Test CO alarms at least once a month.
- »»» Replace CO alarms according to the instructions on the package.
- »»» Know the sounds the CO alarm makes. It will sound if CO is detected. It will make a different sound if the battery is low or if it is time to get a new CO alarm.
- »»» If the battery is low, replace it.
- »»» If the CO alarm sounds, you must get fresh air. Move outdoors, by an open window or near an open door. Make sure everyone in the home gets to fresh air. Call the fire department from a fresh air location. Stay there until help arrives.

## **PREVENT CO POISONING**

- »»» When warming a vehicle, move it out of the garage. Do not run a fueled engine indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not blocked. Clear snow away.
- »»» During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- »»» Clear all debris from dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace vents.
- »»» A generator should be used outdoors. Use in a well-ventilated location away from windows, doors, and vent openings.
- »»» Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO. Only use them outside.
- »»» Have heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in.
- »»» Open the damper when using a fireplace for adequate ventilation.
- »»» Never use your oven or stove to heat your home.

## **FACT!**

CO is called the invisible killer because the gas cannot be seen or smelled. Take action to stay safe from CO poisoning.

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# Babysitting Safety

**Having a babysitter** can give you peace of mind. It allows you to leave your child with someone you trust. Be sure your babysitter knows about fire safety. Be sure your babysitter knows what to do if there is a fire.

Show the babysitter your home escape plan and make sure the babysitter understands:

- »» two ways out of every room.
- »» where the outdoor meeting place is located.
- »» the fire department or emergency phone number.
- »» how to unlock all doors and windows.

If you allow your babysitter to cook, make sure the babysitter:

- »» keeps your child at least 3 feet away from the stove.
- »» keeps your child at least 3 feet away from the microwave oven.
- »» never leaves the room while cooking.
- »» keeps anything that can catch fire away from the stovetop.
- »» keeps pets off surfaces and countertops.

If the smoke alarm sounds make sure your babysitter knows to:

- »» get out of the home quickly with your child to safety.
- »» use the second way out if smoke is in the way.
- »» get low and go under the smoke to the exit if an escape must be made through smoke.

Store matches and lighters out of your child's reach. Candles should not be used by your babysitter.

Make sure your babysitter keeps a 3-foot "**kid-free zone**" around space heaters.

## REMEMBER

Always leave the phone number where you can be reached. Cell phones make this easy. Be sure the babysitter knows the address of the home.



## Babysitter Training

Many places offer babysitter classes. These are online and in the classroom. Some schools and hospitals give training. Classes teach how to care for children. They also teach first aid. They teach CPR. What to do in an emergency is also taught.

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# Christmas Tree Safety



As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.



## PICKING THE TREE

- »»» Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.



## PLACING THE TREE

- »»» Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- »»» Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- »»» Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- »»» Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.



## LIGHTING THE TREE

- »»» Use lights that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- »»» Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- »»» Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- »»» Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.



## After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home. Check with your local community to find a recycling program. Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

## FACTS

- ! One of every three home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems.
- ! Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.
- ! A heat source too close to the tree causes roughly **one in every four** of the fires.

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**Yes**    **No**

**Do you have at least one smoke alarm on every level of your home, outside each sleeping area, and inside each bedroom?**

Have smoke alarms installed for each of these areas. Make sure alarms are interconnected so that when one sounds they all sound. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, special alarms are available.

**Yes**    **No**

**Do you test your smoke alarms monthly?**

Have someone test your smoke alarms once a month by pushing the test button. Batteries should be changed at least once a year or whenever the alarm "chirps" to tell you that the battery power is low. Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

**Yes**    **No**

**If there was a fire in your home, would you know how to get outside?**

In a fire, get outside as quickly as you can and stay outside. Once you have escaped a fire, call the fire department from a neighbor's phone or a cell phone.

**Yes**    **No**

**Do you know two ways out of every room?**

If possible, know two ways out of every room in your home and two ways out of the home. Make sure windows and doors open easily. Windows with security bars, grills, and guards should have emergency release devices. Make sure furniture and other heavy objects are not blocking your exits. If you must escape through smoke, stay low and go under the smoke to your way out.

**Yes**    **No**

**Have you included anyone with a disability in your home in your escape planning and determined what assistance they would need to get out in an emergency?**

Include everyone in your home in the planning process. Develop your escape plan for their abilities. Practice the plan at least twice a year both during the day and at night.

**Yes**    **No**    **N/A**

**Have you provided smoke alarms and alert devices (strobe lights or bed/pillow shakers) for people in your home who are deaf or hard of hearing?**

Smoke alarms and alert devices are available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. Strobe lights throughout the home are activated by smoke alarms and alert people who are deaf to fire conditions. A high-intensity strobe light along with a pillow/bed shaker can wake them up and alert them to fire conditions so they can escape. Smoke alarm alert devices also are available for people who are hard of hearing. These accessories, which are activated by the sound of the smoke alarm, produce a loud, mixed low-pitched sound. People who are hard of hearing also may find a pillow/bed shaker helpful in waking them up.

**Yes**    **No**

**Do you know the emergency number to call in case of fire?**

Memorize this number. It may be 9-1-1 or the fire department's phone number. Once you escape, you will need to call from a neighbor's phone or a cell phone.

**Yes**    **No**

**Do you have a telephone in your bedroom?**

Have a telephone in your bedroom or close to where you sleep and post the local emergency number nearby in case you are trapped by smoke or fire.

**Yes**    **No**

**Do you have a medical alert button?**

Consider having this device for access to help in an emergency.

**Yes**    **No**

**Do you have carbon monoxide alarms in your home?**

Install a carbon monoxide alarm outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home. Test the alarms monthly. If you cannot reach the alarm safely, ask for help.

