

# Holiday Fire Safety Tips

## Turkey Fryers

With families making plans for their holiday turkey and trimmings, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue offers the following safety tips:

Turkey fryers should always be used on a flat, non-combustible surface, outside away from buildings and items that can burn.

Most units do not have thermostat controls and will heat until the oil ignites. To avoid oil spillover and a resulting fire, do not overfill the fryer.

Make sure the turkey is completely thawed and be careful with marinades. A frozen turkey placed in hot oil will splatter and can cause an explosive fire.

Use well-insulated potholders or oven mitts when touching the

pot or lid handle.

Never allow children or pets near the turkey fryer - the oil inside the cooking pot can remain hot for hours.

Never use water to extinguish a grease fire. Call 9-1-1 immediately if a fire occurs.

## Stovetop Fires

Never leave food unattended on the stovetop - turn off burners or set a timer if you leave the room for any reason.

Heat cooking oil slowly and never leave it unattended. Turn down the heat if it begins to smoke.

Keep combustibles away from the stovetop and keep your cooking area clean.

If the fire is large or appears to be growing, do not attempt to

extinguish it. Leave your home and call 9-1-1 from a cell phone or neighbor's house.

If the fire is still the pan or oven you may be able to extinguish it yourself by putting a Lid on It. Turn off the burner and from the side carefully slide a pan lid over the pan. The lid will "smother" the fire, while turning off the burner removes the heat.

Never transfer a burning pan from the stovetop to the sink or out the back door. The fire may grow in size and burn you or spread to countertop or cabinets.

Also, never pour water on a grease fire. The flames will "splash," resulting in burns to your body and can spread to cabinets and countertops.



Oil splashing over the sides of an overfilled turkey fryer is ignited by the open flame beneath the fryer.

# Congress urged to Pass Jobs Bill

## Obama cites historic crisis

(AP)—Citing an "economic crisis of historic proportions," President-elect Barack Obama urged Congress to pass a costly, job-creating stimulus bill as quickly as possible, a rare pre-inaugural call to action delivered as the outgoing Bush administration approved fresh billions to bail out one of the nation's largest banks.

Stock prices surged higher — the biggest two-day percentage gain for the Dow Jones industrials in 21 years — as investors took heart Monday from the actions and words of the incoming and departing chief executives.

"If we do not act swiftly and boldly, most experts now believe that we could lose millions of jobs next year," said Obama, 57 days shy of taking office in the shadow of the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression.

He blended criticism of Detroit's beleaguered Big Three automakers — General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler LLC — with a pledge of support for government aid to



President-elect Barack Obama gestures as he answers questions during his news conference introducing members of his economic team.

help them survive. "We can't allow the auto industry to ... vanish," he said, although he added that a blank check for an industry resistant to change was not the solution to its long-term decline.

At a news conference in which he introduced his administration's top economic officials, Obama said restoring the economy to health took priority over deficit concerns. Still, he said he would be looking for "meaningful cuts and sacrifices" to restrain federal spending.

Obama and President George

W. Bush spoke by telephone during the day, their first disclosed conversation since a visit at the White House more than a week ago, and each man appeared eager to show a transition proceeding smoothly.

At the same time, the juxtaposition of the outgoing and incoming chief executives grappling — publicly and simultaneously — with the economy underscored the severity of a crisis that has sent joblessness rising, caused a large spike in mortgage foreclosures and

crippled the credit markets.

Bush said his administration's dramatic overnight rescue of Citigroup Inc. was necessary to safeguard the nation's financial system and help the economy recover. He said more such moves might follow if other institutions need help. Officials said the government might invest \$20 billion in the firm, and guarantee \$306 billion in risky assets.

Encouraged by the action, investors sent the Dow Jones industrials up 397 points. Coupled with Friday's gain, that mean an 891 point increase over two trading days, the biggest percentage gain since October 1987.

Obama made a point of saying his administration "will honor the public commitments made by the current administration to address this crisis," words of reassurance to the financial markets.

Remarkably for a president-elect, he said he wanted Congress to act "right away" on a stimulus measure that would blend spending and tax cuts. Asked for details, he said without elaboration that he wanted a measure "of a size and scope that is necessary to get this economy back on track."



Oregon Institute of Technology President Chris Maples (left) and Portland Community College President Preston Pulliams exchange school-logo shirts to honor a new dual enrollment agreement between the schools.

## Dual Enrollment Expands Options

Portland Community College and Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls have signed a dual enrollment agreement that will help hundreds of technical career students earn credits that transfer between the schools.

The agreement will make it possible for students to be co-enrolled in both schools, offering a seamless pathway for students to begin and complete a four-year degree. Dual enrollment also uses the resources of

both institutions more effectively, expanding options and access for students.

In addition, Mt. Hood Community College will sign a dual enrollment agreement with OIT next week.

PCC already has dual enrollment agreements with Portland State University, Oregon State University, Concordia University, Western Governors University, Marylhurst University and Linfield College.

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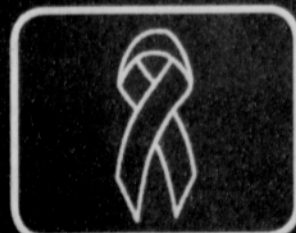
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