



## Polk County Fire Chiefs Association

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### **For Immediate Release**

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### **For Additional Information:**

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The fire chiefs in Polk County are requesting the assistance of residents in their efforts to keep people safe by encouraging them to “Adopting a Hydrant.” Locating the fire hydrant nearest their residence and clearing away the snow in a three foot circle around it takes only a few minutes and may be the difference in keeping a small incident from turning into a major catastrophe.

Please also remember these safety tips in the event of the loss of electrical power:

- Gasoline-powered generators and kerosene-fueled space heaters should only be used in well-ventilated areas and only refueled outside.
- Candles pose a significant risk and should never be left unattended.
- Charcoal grills should never be used indoors.
- Check on neighbors, friends and relatives who may need assistance.

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Delaware Township Fire Department  
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Des Moines International Airport Fire Department  
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