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Shreveport, Louisiana Enacts City Ordinance for StoveTop Fire Suppression Systems

StoveTop FireStop® Automatic StoveTop Fire Suppressors Are the Fire Suppressor of Choice

*Fort Worth, TX—June 19, 2009—*In response to a rash of destructive, costly apartment fires, the City of Shreveport, Louisiana enacted a city-wide ordinance requiring all multifamily dwellings to be equipped with automatic fire suppressors designed to suppress cooktop fires.

During the first three months of 2009, the Shreveport Fire Department (FD) responded to 23 apartment fires, the majority of which originated on the cooktop due to unattended cooking. These fires damaged more than forty-seven individual apartments and the cost of repair for the damages was estimated to exceed \$1,500,000 (one point five million dollars). The ordinance, which passed on June 9, 2009, is expected to reduce the number of apartment fires and, in turn, reduce the operational costs of the Shreveport FD.



StoveTop FireStop Venth Hood is an automatic stove top fire suppressor that is about the size of a tuna can and attaches by magnet to the underside of the vent hood. StoveTop FireStop works when flame-activated to automatically release fire suppressing powder to the burners. The product is available for both stoves with traditional vent hoods overhead and stoves with microwaves or lower cabinets above. Both products suppress grease fires on the cooktop before they have a chance to spread. StoveTop FireStop automatic fire suppressors are manufactured by Williams-Pyro, Inc., in Fort Worth, Texas and are available to purchase through distributors nationwide.

To read the full ordinance from the City of Shreveport, LA visit <http://www.ci.shreveport.la.us/council/Enacting%2030-70.htm>. For more information about the StoveTop FireStop family of products, visit www.stovetopfirestop.com.

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