

On Call

By: Rick Branham



Last week I ended with the question regarding the different classifications of fire. How many classifications of fire are there? The answer is 5 different classifications. I am going to break each of the classes down and what they consist of. The classification of fire is important because each class of fire has its own requirement for extinguishment.

The first class of fire is labeled as A. Class A fires are what we call ordinary combustibles such as wood, cloth, paper, rubber, and grass. The easiest way to extinguish a Class A fire is by cooling it down by adding water. Using a fire extinguisher is also very effective at extinguishing Class A fires.

The second class of fire is labeled as B. Class B fires are flammable or combustible liquids and gases. These include gasoline, diesel, paint, alcohol, oil and mineral spirits. In order to extinguish Class B fires you can shut of the gas supply or apply foam. A fire extinguisher can also be used for extinguishment. The best extinguisher to use on Class B fires will contain a specialized powder called Purple K. these extinguishers can look similar to a regular red fire extinguisher but will usually have a label with a purple outline.

The third class of fire is labeled as C, notice a pattern yet. Class C fires are electrical in nature which involves anything that uses electric. Of course electricity does not burn so the actual fuel of a Class C fire is usually the insulation on the wiring. The best way to fight a Class C fire is to cut off the electric first then began to extinguish the fire. One of the resources we request on any structure fire is the electric company. We want to make sure the electric is shut off to the house.

Fourthly with Class D fires. Class D fires are combustible metal fires. Ex-

amples are aluminum, magnesium, potassium and titanium. Class D fires are very hazardous. In the right concentrations airborne metal dust can cause an explosion given suitable ignition source. Also, applying water will only make the metal burn hotter. A special extinguisher we call Metal X is carried to extinguish a Class D fire. These extinguishers are usually yellow and contain a special formulated powder to smother the fire.

What do you think is the next classifications of fires? If you guessed Class E, I'm sorry you would be incorrect. The final classification of fires is Class K. Class K is for basically kitchen fires. See K for kitchen, we try to make things firemen proof. Class K involves oils and grease found in commercial kitchens. Extinguishing a Class K fire involves a process called saponification. Saponification is a process where a specifically formulated extinguishing agent comes into contact with the cooking oils turning them into a soapy film that extinguishes the fire. If you look at commercial kitchens you will see, or should see, an extinguishing system in the hood.

Now that we have covered all the classifications of fires, I feel compelled to do a quick fire extinguisher training seminar. In using a fire extinguisher remember the PASS method. P – Pull the pin. A – Aim at the base of the fire. S – Squeeze the handle and S – Sweep the nozzle back and forth at the fire. There a quick fire extinguisher class. Of course the first need to think of your own safety. If the fire is small a can be put out by an extinguisher you may attempt to extinguish. However don't, for your own safety, run a get another extinguisher if you fail to extinguish the fire on the first attempt. We will be there soon and extinguish the fire. It's what we do.

Alright, I hope everyone has been enjoying this col-

umn up to this point. I have enjoyed writing it every week. I have created an email address and would love to hear from you. Ask questions; give your opinions about the article good or bad. I want to hear from you guys. The email address

is oncall139@hotmail.com. Next week I go into fire development and its stages. This week's question centers on that. How many stages does a typical fire go through? Is it 2, 4, 6 or 8, the answer coming next week?

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

SHERRY'S BAKED PINEAPPLE

2 cans (15 ounces each) pineapple chunks
1 cup sugar
1/4 cup flour
1 and 1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
1 stick butter
1 sleeve Ritz® cracker
Preheat oven to 350°. Drain pineapple and place in 9 x 13 baking dish. Mix sugar and flour; sprinkle over pineapple. Sprinkle cheese over this. Melt butter. Crush crackers and mix with melted butter. Sprinkle over cheese. Bake for 30 minutes.

PINEAPPLE SOUFFLÉ
1 can (20 ounce) crushed pineapple
12 whole graham crackers, crushed
1 cup white sugar
1 cup brown sugar
2 eggs, beaten
1/2 cup evaporated milk
1 stick butter, melted
Preheat oven to 350°. Drain pineapple and spread in 9 x 13 greased baking dish. Sprinkle with graham cracker crumbs. Mix sugars, eggs, evaporated milk, and melted butter. Spread over crackers. Bake for 45

MINUTES. PINEAPPLE PIE

This looks like a chess pie after it has baked. It has a wonderful pineapple flavor.
1 and 1/2 cups sugar
1/2 cup butter, at room temperature
1 cup drained crushed pineapple
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 eggs
1 unbaked pie shell
Heat oven to 350°. Beat sugar, butter, pineapple, vanilla, and eggs together until well blended. Pour into unbaked pie shell; bake for 50 minutes or until it sets and is brown.

GLAZED PINEAPPLE
6 ounces butter
1 small pineapple, peeled, cut lengthwise, cored and sliced
3/4 cup packed brown sugar
Melt butter in large frying pan over medium heat. Add pineapple slices and cook for one minute. Sprinkle evenly with brown sugar and cook, turning pineapple occasionally, until sugar is melted and pineapple is translucent, 2 to 3 minutes. Serve with whipped cream, ice cream or as is.

Strange... But True?

by: Tonya J. Cook

The Hope Diamond: A Cursed Jewel, Part II

With the history of the Hope Diamond being discussed last week, this week, the "Strange...But True?" series will focus on the curse itself. The diamond has had a long and interesting past, and now is resting in Washington, DC at the Smithsonian.

The diamond, among other names, is also known as "The Diamond of Death". A curse is said to follow the gem. The priest who stole it from an Indian idol was tortured to death, according to legend. King Louis XIV, who owned the "Blue Diamond of the Crown" died a shattered man, with his empire in ruins. His heirs met with misfortune, as well. Princess de Lamballe was beaten to death by mobs in the streets. King Louis XIV and his wife, Marie Antoinette, were beheaded. Jean Baptiste Tavernier, the jewel merchant who sold the stone to King Louis XIV was killed by a pack of wild dogs.

Wilhelm Fahn, a diamond cutter, cut the diamond to hide its identity, but died from grief. His son, Hendrick, stole the gem and later committed suicide. King George IV of England owned the diamond and died penniless in 1830.

Henry Philip Hope bought the cursed stone, and his nephew's grandson later owned the diamond. He was involved in an accidental shooting that resulted in the amputation of his leg. He also went bankrupt.

The diamond exchanged hands many times, with each owner meeting doom

of some variety. An Eastern European prince was said to have bought it and gave it to actress Folier Bergere. He later shot her. A Greek owner and his family plunged to their deaths in an auto accident. A Turkish sultan, Abdul Hamid II, owned the stone a short while when an army revolt took his throne in 1909.

In 1912, Pierre Cartier sold it to the wife of an American tycoon, Evelyn McLean. He warned her of the curse but she wasn't worried, claiming that objects with the reputation of bringing bad luck brought her good luck. She was so wrong. Shortly after the stone came into her possession, her mother-in-law died along with two household servants. Then her nine-year-old son was killed in a car wreck. Her twenty-five-year-old daughter committed suicide soon after Edward McLean, her husband, died in a mental institution.

Harry Winston bought the diamond in 1958 from the McLean estate, giving it to the Smithsonian Institution. It is valued at one hundred million dollars, and is kept in a special safe. Has the curse ended? The United States seems to have a curse hanging over it, with multiple disasters occurring every few days...earthquakes, floods, forest fires, disease outbreaks, hurricanes, people homeless, the economy faltering and the government hanging by a thread. Do you suppose that the blue stone has brought America a "little something"?

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- ACROSS
- Pulsate
 - Cupid, to the Greeks
 - Sweater eater
 - Kentucky's northernmost county
 - Swag
 - Hipbones
 - Kentucky's 44th and 49th governor
 - Deli loaf
 - To boot
 - First female president of KEA
 - Glower
 - Charlottesville sch.
 - Card or Cat
 - Map abbr.
 - Slangy assent
 - Old Irish alphabet
 - Nothing-but-net sound
 - Turkish title
 - Kentuckian, author of "Green at Bowling Green"
 - Sailor's affirmative
 - Port of ICBM
 - Former US Rep. Lucas of KY's 4th District
 - Tender spots
 - Sierra
 - Gets the picture
 - Round Table title
 - Biases
 - Test site
 - Lug
 - Adam Edelen, for one
 - Sculler's need
 - Large mammal found
- DOWN
- Ski lift
 - Sacred
 - Justice's garb
 - "The loneliest number"
 - Kentucky governor who created state employee merit system
 - Macaroni shape
 - Bird of fireworks
 - A Kentucky Capitol rotunda attraction
 - Kentucky town named for its location between Frankfort and Lexington
 - Earthen pot
 - Bleacher feature
 - Munfordville, KY is this county's seat
 - Horn sound
 - Ariz. neighbor
 - Union foe
 - Forty previous Kentucky governors, e.g.
 - Imitates
27. Come to terms
28. Classic Alan Ladd western
30. Contents
32. Stationary brand
33. Insurance worker
34. Leporine leapers
36. Wrapped garment
37. Louisville Slugger creator
42. Half-moon tide
45. Bluegrass "Brothers" from Kentucky
48. Playground equipment
50. Czech or Serb
52. Took the cake?
54. Native American languages of California
55. Retro hairdo
56. Russia's _____ Mountains
57. Astronaut Slayton
58. Iranian coin
60. Biblical twin
61. Red ink amount
62. Patella's place
64. Balancing pro
65. Newcomer, briefly

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