



My career has always been in the security industry, starting in the engineering department of Digital Security Control (DSC) in the late eighties. I was the engineering operations manager when DSC was acquired by Tyco International, and a few years later, after my family and I spent 18 months with Tyco in Italy, industry leader Johnson Controls International (JCI) purchased Tyco. I stayed on for a year after that second merger as a Senior Engineering Director, helping with the integration before making a move that allowed me to join Rob Thorburn and the Huronia team, almost five years ago.

With this move, I have been fortunate to be able to continue to work with excellent people from DSC/Tyco/JCI, as a customer, instead of co-worker. It's a small industry, and despite moving on to a new career path at Huronia, a lot of the players are the same. Recently, Huronia was presented with a DSC Award of Excellence, which I was honoured to receive, on behalf of our company.

"The award of excellence is a recognition of our loyal long-time partners and appreciation for all of your support and business over the years. We also want to recognize the quality and workmanship that our partners bring forth. Huronia Alarm & Fire Security Inc. is an exceptional example and a leader in our business for many years," explains Xiaoyi Weng, Territory Sales Manager at DSC /Qolsys /Sur-Gard.

It is quite an honour to be recognized with this award of excellence by our technology partners at DSC. Special thanks to Xiaoyi and Steve, who made the trip North to present this to us in person. The DSC team is always available to listen and support us with technical assistance when needed. We are grateful for their ongoing collaboration and partnership. I think Henry Ford said it best, *"coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."*

~ David P. Clark, President



DSC Award of Excellence received today from Steve Lubin (left) and Xiaoyi Weng (right) of DSC/Qolsys/JCI

HURONIA GOOD FRIDAY HOURS OF OPERATION

Please take note that Huronia will be CLOSED on Friday, March 29th. We will re-open on Monday, April 1st. Our **24/7 ULC listed monitoring station** WILL remain open without interruption in monitoring service. 24/7 emergency support is also available if required.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS TO CONSIDER WHEN FRIENDS AND FAMILY COME TO CELEBRATE EASTER.

The **National Fire Prevention Association** has some tips and helpful reminders we'd like to share with you in advance of Easter celebrations.

1. Home cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home fire injuries.

- Don't leave the kitchen if you are frying, grilling or broiling food.
- Did the doorbell ring? Have the guests arrived? Take the time to turn off the stove, even for the short period of time it will take you to answer the door and welcome your guests.
- Keep your cooking area clear from items that could catch on fire – oven mitts, kitchen hand towels, cookbooks, wooden utensils, and food packaging. Make sure your clothing isn't dangling over an open flame.
- Give small appliances like slow cookers, pressure cookers, and air fryers enough space to release heat and steam, and not get bumped.
- Keep a lid nearby when you're cooking to smother small grease fires. Carefully slide the lid over the pan and turn off the stovetop. Leave the pan covered until it has completely cooled and extinguished the fire.

- If you experience a fire inside your oven, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.



2. Planning on cooking your turkey in a turkey fryer that uses oil and an open flame? The NFPA recommends you think twice and look for an infrared or electric turkey fryer instead. Turkey fryers that use oil and an open flame can be dangerous and cause a serious fire hazard. Check out the video below to see what happens when a turkey is lowered into a turkey fryer that's been positioned on a deck. *"Almost instantly, flames burst from a turkey fryer and cause the deck and roof of the structure to catch fire."* The deck and roof catch fire; potentially leading to the risk of life, injuries as well as property damage.



3. Most importantly, if you do experience a kitchen fire that you cannot safely extinguish – leave the house immediately. THEN call 911.

Electrical Cooking Appliance Safety

When we think of cooking appliances in the kitchen, we often think of the stovetop, oven, and microwave. However, more and more people are often turning to electrical appliances like air fryers and slow cookers for the convenience of cooking meals quickly. Using these appliances properly is key to keeping safe in the kitchen.

Key Safety Tips

- Always use cooking equipment—air fryers, slow cookers, electric skillets, hot plates, griddles, etc.—that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions on where and how to use appliances.
- Remember to unplug all appliances when not in use.
- Check cords regularly for damage. Do not use any appliance with a damaged cord.

Slow Cooker

A slow cooker is designed to be left on while you do other things, even things outside of the home.

However, there are few safety tips to keep in mind:

- Keep things that could catch fire away from the slow cooker.
- Make sure the slow cooker is in a place where it won't get bumped. If the lid gets dislodged, the liquid could boil away, which could cause the appliance to overheat and create a fire.

Pressure Cooker

A pressure cooker is designed to cook food faster than a stovetop or oven. Because it uses hot steam and pressure to cook food it is important that they are used properly to prevent burns.

- Place the cooker in an open space to give enough room for the steam to ventilate.
- Never cover the steam release valve on the pressure cooker.
- Do not leave the home when using a pressure cooker.

Air Fryers

- Give your air fryer enough space. The air vents release heat and need airflow.
- Do not leave the home when using the air fryer.
- Make sure you clean grease and food debris after every use. Unplug and allow to cool completely before cleaning.

Hot Plate, Griddle and Electric Skillet

- Stay with the hot plate, griddle, or electric skillet when cooking.
- Do not touch the surface of a hot plate, griddle, or electric skillet, as it could burn you.
- Unplug a hot plate, griddle, or electric skillet when not in use and before cleaning. Allow the appliance to cool before cleaning it.



Turkey fryers that use oil and an open flame cannot be used safely. These fryers use a large quantity of cooking oil at hot temperatures, which can lead to devastating burns.

Buy an infrared fryer or electric turkey fryer that has been listed by a qualified testing laboratory. Do not leave fryers unattended when in use.



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- Monitoring Station Operator (Midland)
- Part time Security Guard (Muskoka)

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