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Fire departments team up to replace smoke alarm batteries Oct. 5

Area fire departments are teaming up to ensure homes have the protection they need in case of a fire.

Continuing with a regional approach to fire safety, fire departments in Springfield, Battlefield and Nixa will replace smoke alarm batteries throughout those cities during a neighborhood canvass on Oct. 5. This year, Battery Outfitters of Springfield will be donating 2,000 9-volt batteries for smoke alarms and employees will assist firefighters during the canvass.

“October 6-12 is fire prevention week and we couldn’t think of a better time to go door to door replacing batteries and educating our citizens about fire safety,” said Asst. Chief Whitney Weaver with the Nixa Fire Protection District. Firefighters and employees from Battery Outfitters will be going door to door on Saturday, October 5 offering to replace smoke alarm batteries in Nixa and Battlefield from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and in Springfield from 1 p.m.-3p.m.

A properly installed and maintained smoke alarm is the only thing in your home that can alert you and your family to a fire 24 hours a day, seven days a week. A working smoke alarm doubles your chances of surviving a deadly home fire.

- Install both ionization AND photoelectric smoke alarms, OR dual sensor smoke alarms, which contain both ionization and photoelectric smoke sensors
- Test batteries monthly.
- Replace batteries in battery-powered and hard-wired smoke alarms at least once a year (except non-replaceable 10-year lithium batteries)
- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including the basement. The U.S. Fire Administration recommends installing smoke alarms both inside and outside of sleeping areas.
- Always follow the manufacturer’s installation instructions when installing smoke alarms.
- Replace the entire smoke alarm unit every 8-10 years or according to manufacturer’s instructions.
- Never disable a smoke alarm while cooking – it can be a deadly mistake. Open a window or door and press the “hush” button, wave a towel at the alarm to clear the air, or move the entire alarm several feet away from the location.

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