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**Firefighters Association Donates Smoke Alarms for Hearing Impaired**

The International Association of Fire Fighters Local 152 is donating smoke alarms for the hearing impaired. The Association made the $1,000 in-kind donation as a means of showing its support for the Springfield Fire Department's "Year of the Smoke Alarm" campaign.

"These alarms cost in excess of $85 each, and can be a significant burden on those in need," said Fire Chief David Hall. "This donation will allow the Department to provide a means to help ensure all residents of the city of Springfield are protected should a fire break out in their home."

The donated alarms provide an audible alarm horn, as well as a pulsating light emitting diode (LED) light. This provides both an audio and visual indication of the presence of a fire.

Local 152 President Shawn Martin said, "We strongly support this program within the community. Every day, our members see the devastating effects that fires have on citizens. We know that the traditional smoke alarm will protect the majority of those at risk; however, we want to ensure those that are hearing impaired have the same level of protection."

Springfield citizens can contact the Fire Department at (417) 864-1515 to request a free smoke alarm installation in their home.

For more information, contact: Assistant Fire Chief Randy Villines, (417) 864-1500.

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