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News Release

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Fire Department receives 400 smoke alarms from Homebuilders Association

Four hundred Springfield families will soon be a little safer, thanks to the Homebuilders Association of Greater Springfield. The organization will donate 400 smoke alarms to the Springfield Fire Department. For over 20 years, the Springfield Fire Department has aggressively promoted the use of smoke alarms as part of its free smoke alarm program. In the last 10 years, the Department has installed nearly 9,000 smoke alarms in the community. However, funding for the program continues to dwindle. Donations such as those from the Homebuilders Association of Greater Springfield allows for the continued success of the program. Department leaders will accept this generous donation on Monday, December 9 at 1pm at Springfield Fire Headquarters, 830 N. Boonville Ave. Media are invited to attend.

Statistics show a working smoke alarm doubles your chances of surviving a fire, yet more than half of Springfield homes have no working smoke alarm. In fact, a recent report shows a smoke alarm is known to have been present and working in just 16% of all fatal fires in Springfield in the last 10 years. The importance of having a working smoke alarm cannot be emphasized enough. For additional information about smoke alarms and the Department's smoke alarm program, visit our website.

The Springfield Fire Department looks forward to publicly thanking the Homebuilders Association of Springfield for making our community safer.

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