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HFD Reminds Residents to Test Smoke Alarms

Harrisonburg, VA. – The Harrisonburg Fire Department (HFD) reminds residents to test their smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, and change the batteries in each alarm this weekend.

As we prepare to turn our clocks forward as part of daylight savings time, HFD always encourages residents to take extra safety precautions.

“Smoke alarms save lives and give residents time to escape their homes in the event they experience a fire,” explained Lieutenant Erin Stehle, fire prevention education officer. “It is very important that all residents take a few minutes to ensure they have working smoke alarms inside of their home.”

It is recommended that residential smoke alarms should be installed on every level of a home, in every bedroom, and outside sleeping areas.

This also serves as an opportunity to review and practice your fire escape plan with your family. Each member of the family should be familiar with the plan, identify all exits and possible escape routes, select an outside meeting space, and are fully prepared for a real fire.

In the event of a fire, it is also important to remember that once you are out of your home, stay out.

City residents without a working smoke alarm are encouraged to contact HFD at 540-432-7703 for a free alarm and assistance with its installation.

Additional safety information is available at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/fire.

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