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## Change Your Clock, Check Your Smoke Alarms

The Colerain Township Department of Fire – EMS would like to ask you the following questions as we “fall back” an hour to Eastern Standard Time this Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

*“When was the last time that you checked your smoke alarms to see that they are working properly?”*

It’s as easy as pushing the “test” button which should allow the smoke alarm to clearly sound.

*“How old are your smoke alarms? The manufactured date is listed on the back of any smoke alarm”*

Smoke alarms should be replaced every ten years to assure that they are working properly. Consider buying a smoke alarm with a ten-year lithium battery to avoid needing an annual battery replacement.

*“When was the last time that you changed the batteries in your smoke alarm?”*

If you can’t remember the last time, then the time is now! Every smoke alarm, including those that are hard-wired into your household electricity, has a battery. These batteries are either the primary power source of the smoke alarms or they are the back-up power source in the event of a fire in your home when power is disrupted by weather such as a severe snow or ice storm, high winds, or by an automobile striking a power pole in your area.

Having working smoke alarms near every sleeping area in your home doubles your chances of surviving a house fire. The odds are even better, three times the chances of surviving a fire, when you Plan and Practice your home escape routes and have a designated place outdoors for everyone to meet. Once out – stay out!

This Sunday when you change your clocks, remember to check your smoke alarms and if there is any doubt, change your batteries! It’s a few seconds of your time that can save the life of someone you love!

It’s also a good idea to remind your college students living in a dorm or off-campus housing to do the same!

The Colerain Twp. Department of Fire and EMS will provide Colerain residents with a free smoke alarm inspection by emailing their information to [smokedetectors@colerain.org](mailto:smokedetectors@colerain.org) or by calling 513-825-6143. This is another service of the Colerain Twp. Department of Fire and EMS as we make Colerain a safer community one home at a time.

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For more information, contact Assistant Chief Will Mueller at 513-923-5045 or [wmueller@colerain.org](mailto:wmueller@colerain.org)

The Colerain Township Department of Fire – EMS holds the prestigious Class 1 Public Protection Classification from the Insurance Service Office (ISO), an organization that independently evaluates municipal fire protection throughout the United States. Colerain is the only department to achieve such a ranking in the Greater Cincinnati area, and is one of less than 200 Fire / EMS departments to achieve this ranking nationally.

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