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Fire Department Reminds Residents of Safety Strategies

(Papillion) Mayor James Blinn and the Papillion Fire Department remind residents to check their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

The fire department urges residents to use Daylight Saving Time as a reminder to check these devices through the “Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery” campaign. In collaboration with Energizer and the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the Fire Department advises residents to either check or change the batteries in their safety devices. According to the National Fire Protection Association, smoke alarms contributed to a 50 percent decrease in fire deaths since the 1970s.

In addition, the Fire Department will assist anyone within the Papillion fire district with installing and checking smoke detectors. The fire department will provide and install smoke alarms and batteries for those in need. This service is free and can be requested by contacting the on-duty Captain at 339-8617. Residents have benefited from this service since 1997.

The National Fire Alarm Code requires smoke detectors be installed in each sleeping area, in every level of the house and near living areas. For more information on smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors contact the Fire Department at 339-8617.

Mayor Blinn said, “Smoke alarm maintenance is a simple, effective way to reduce home fire deaths. We want to do everything possible to protect our residents, and this service is a great way to get out into the community and assist them with their needs.”