STRONGSVILLE FIRE and EMERGENCY
SERVICES DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Smoke Detectors Save Lives

Annually, there are on average more than 3,200 fire deaths in the United States. Approximately eighty-five percent of those people (2,720) died in residential structures. Smoke detectors save lives by alerting occupants of a fire before poisonous gases and deadly smoke reach them. By giving you time to escape, smoke detectors cut your risk of dying in a home fire nearly in half.

Fire Departments teach that you should have a smoke detector inside each sleeping area and on each level of the home, including the basement. Only functioning smoke detectors can protect you. Never "borrow" a battery for another use. Also, it is recommended to test your smoke detectors once a month and to change the batteries in your smoke detectors at least once a year. A good reminder is when you **CHANGE** YOUR **CLOCKS, CHANGE** YOUR **BATTERIES**.

Manufacturers recommend replacing the entire smoke detector if it's more than 10 years old. For the best protection, photoelectric smoke alarms are the new standard. When replacing smoke detectors be sure to install photoelectric. Make sure everyone in your home understands the warning of the smoke alarm and knows how to respond. Finally, prepare and practice an escape plan so that you and your loved ones can get out of your home safely should there be a fire. Plan to meet in the front yard in a place where first responders can easily see you.

Today's smoke detectors are more affordable and of higher quality than ever. You and your family cannot afford to not have them to keep you safe. If you have any questions about smoke detectors, home safety inspections, or other safety related questions, please contact Strongsville Fire and Emergency Services Department, Office of Fire Prevention at 440-580-3225.

Remember, a working smoke detector can save your life before the fire department arrives.

Spring forward on Sunday March 9th, 2025 at 2a.m.

Smoke detectors saves lives, but only if they are working!