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Press Release

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The members of the Franklin Fire Department wish to remind everyone to ***check your smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector*** on Saturday November 1st when you move your clocks back. Working smoke detectors are your first line of defense in surviving a fire in your home and have contributed to nearly a 50% decrease in death from residential fires since 1970. The following are facts and figures from the National Fire Protection Association.

- A 2004 telephone survey found that 96% of U.S. households had at least one smoke alarm, yet in 2000-2004, no smoke alarms were present or none operated in almost half (46%) of the reported home fires.
- An estimated 890 lives could be saved each year if all homes had working smoke alarms.
- 65% of reported home fire deaths in 2000-2004 resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

In homes with battery operated smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors should replace the batteries with fresh, new batteries. All residents, regardless whether your detectors are battery operated or electrically wired should test their smoke detectors to insure they are in proper working order.

For further information on Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide Detectors please contact Captain Stephen Parchesky at the Franklin Fire Department (508) 528-2323 or check us out on the web at www.franklin.ma.us