

Stratmoor Hills Fire Protection District Policy

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Subject: RESIDENTIAL SMOKE ALARM TESTING, MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT

Purpose: To replace batteries in non-working smoke alarms, replace non-functioning smoke alarms, or provide a working smoke alarm if smoke alarm is absent in a residence.

Policy: Smoke alarms reduce the number of fire deaths and injuries. We have responded to emergencies at residences and found non-working smoke alarms or the absence of a smoke alarm.

Procedures:

Section 1. Testing Residential Smoke Alarms:

- 1.1 When called to a residence for any reason, all members of the department should make every effort, with the cooperation of the occupants, to test any and all smoke alarms that are installed in the residence.

Section 2. Dead Batteries:

- 2.1 If members find any smoke alarm that is not functioning because of a dead battery, the member may provide one battery for each alarm to the occupant to replace the batteries or if circumstances prevent the occupant from doing so, the member may replace the batteries.

Section 3. Non-functioning Smoke Alarms

- 3.1 If any member finds a non-functioning smoke alarm/s not related to a dead battery, the member will offer to provide one (1) smoke alarm to the occupant that is installed by the occupant or if circumstances prevent the occupant from doing so, the member may install the alarm in a location and by the means recommended by the alarm manufacturer.
- 3.2 All installed alarms will be installed and tested per the manufacturer's instructions prior to leaving the scene unless arrangements are made for installation at a later time.
- 3.3 In the event that more than one alarm is non-functioning, the department will provide only one (1) alarm unless there is more than one (1) sleeping area in the residence, in which case we will provide an alarm for each sleeping area of the residence if we have alarms available.

Section 4. Absent Smoke Alarm

- 4.1 If a member finds a residence without a smoke alarm, they will follow the procedures above in **Non-functioning Smoke Alarms**.

Section 5. Smoke Alarm Supply

- 5.1 Two smoke alarms and a supply of 9-volt batteries will be carried on units 470, 410, and 414.

Section 6. Record Keeping

- 6.1 Each smoke alarm will have an installation form included in the box. These forms must be completed by the member providing the smoke alarm and attached to the dispatch alarm log upon returning to the station.
- 6.2 A log of battery replacements will be maintained in the dispatch center and will be completed by any member that replaces a battery for a resident.