

# Perrysburg Township Fire & EMS



Deputy Chief

Fire Chief Thomas W. Brice

## Free safety devices available to residents

Free smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are available for Perrysburg Township residents.

To get free the free devices, you can:

- · Stop by Fire Station 1 at 26711 Lime City Road
- · Call Fire Inspector Keith Feeney, Sr. at 419-872-8850

"The only catch is that you have to take them home and put them up," Fire Inspector Keith Feeney, Sr. said. "They don't do any good sitting in the box."

Voice-alert smoke alarms are the newest technology available to residents. In addition to the traditional beeping noise, these alarms include a voice urgently saying, "Fire! Fire!" This change is based on research that suggests people -- and children, in particular -- are more responsive to voice than high-pitched noises, making them aware of the alarm sooner<sup>1</sup>.

#### **How Many Smoke Alarms Do You Need?**

It's recommended that you install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including the basement, according to the US Fire Administration. Many fatal fires begin late at night or in the early morning, so, for extra safety, the USFA suggests installing smoke alarms both inside and outside sleeping areas.

More Information: <a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/campaigns/smokealarms/alarms/index.shtm">http://www.usfa.fema.gov/campaigns/smokealarms/alarms/index.shtm</a>

### Carbon Monoxide: An Invisible Killer

Each year in America, more than 150 people die from accidental non-fire related CO poisoning associated with consumer products, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission. These products include faulty, improperly-used or incorrectly-vented fuel-burning appliances such as furnaces, stoves, water heaters and fireplaces.

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#### References:

<sup>1</sup> http://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/white-paper-alarms.pdf

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