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Change Your Clock, Change Your Batteries

The Chino Valley Fire District reminds residents to change the batteries in their home smoke alarms when setting clocks one hour ahead for Daylight Saving Time on Sunday, March 12, 2017. Residents may also want to consider installing 10-year lithium battery operated smoke alarms. These smoke alarms are powered for 10 years by sealed, long-life lithium batteries. After 10 years of use, residents can simply discard the smoke alarm and replace it with a new one.

According to the United States Fire Administration, in the first two months of 2017 there have been 486 civilian home fire fatalities in the United States. An estimated two-thirds of home fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarms or in homes with smoke alarms that failed to operate properly, according to the National Fire Protection Association. The NFPA reported that dead or missing batteries are the most common reasons for smoke alarms to fail.

The Chino Valley Fire District offers residents the following tips to help keep smoke alarms in good working order:

- Test smoke alarms once a month by pushing the test button
- Replace batteries in smoke alarms at least twice a year
- Replace your smoke alarms every 10 years or in accordance with manufacturer guidelines
- Do not disable smoke alarms, even temporarily
- Vacuum regularly and/or dust your smoke alarms to keep them working properly
- Consider installing a 10-year lithium battery operated smoke alarm
- Develop and practice a family escape plan so that everyone in your home knows what to do if the smoke alarm rings

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