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SMOKE ALARM INSTALLATION & FIRE EDUCATION (SAIFE) PROGRAM

The Salinas Fire Department (SFD) is currently giving away **FREE** "10 year" lithium battery operated smoke alarms, and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms to owners of single family dwellings, condominiums, and townhomes in the City of Salinas while supplies last. The giveaway also includes smoke alarms for the hard of hearing & deaf.

SFD is conducting this pilot program funded by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as a way to help SFD's Community Risk Reduction (CRR) efforts, with a focus on smoke alarm installation, home fire safety walkthroughs, and home escape planning.

Renters should contact their landlords, for they are required to provide and maintain smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in their rental units.

Two-thirds of home fire fatalities occur in homes with no smoke alarms, or no working smoke alarms. Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a home fire in **half** according to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

Many of these deaths may have been prevented if smoke alarms were installed properly, and working. Smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast – engulfing a home in as little as 3 minutes. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

Critical improvements in fire safety that everyone should know about is that in addition to having a working smoke alarm on every floor, as well as in and out of every sleeping area in your home; existing smoke alarms should be **replaced every 10 years**.

Single-family dwelling, condominium and townhome owners can contact the Salinas Fire Department to make arrangements for a **FREE** smoke and CO alarm installation and fire safety walkthrough.

Smoke & CO alarms save lives. For more information contact Karen Jones at the Fire Prevention Bureau, 831-758-7466