LET'S TALK FIRE SAFETY

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"Don't Wait, Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years."

Smoke Alarms

A device that senses smoke and makes an audible sound to alert occupants.

There are 2 types of smoke alarms.

-Photoelectric work best for smoldering fires.

-Ionization work best for fast flaming fires.

Local Statistics

In 2015 VFD responded to 1,101 false alarm calls of which 46 were related to smoke detector activations and another 960 were alarm activations.

Safety Facts

Three out of five home fire deaths in 2009-2013 were caused by fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

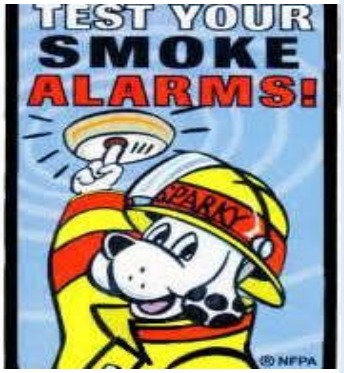
Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half.

When smoke alarms fail to operate, it is usually because batteries are missing, disconnected, or dead.

During 2009-2013, roughly one of every 335 households had a reported home fire per year.

Always Remember

- Smoke alarms saves lives.
- Smoke alarms should be within 15 ft. of sleeping areas.
- Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of the home.
- Smoke alarms should be tested monthly.
- Batteries should be replaced according to manufacturer's recommendations or twice yearly.



National Fire Protection Association

http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/campaigns/fire-prevention-week/fast-facts-about-fire.

Fire Safety Word Search

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SUXUHWAITJNCDALARMSJIIM
HSMOKEJDBCHECKGSUOUTB
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Fire Safety Quiz

What is the acronym for home escape drills?

A– BETH

B– LEAVE

C– EDITH

D– HELP

Smoke alarms were invented by

A– NASA

B– NFA

C– NFPA

D– John Deere

It's Fire Safety Month and the Fire Department Wants You to Please Be Safe and Check the Date

Did you know that the Valdosta Fire Department has a smoke alarm program that is available to citizens who meet the program criteria. Please contact Tangela Rowe at 229-333-1835 for additional information.

Did you know that the components inside of the smoke alarm wear down over time? This means even if you are checking the alarm monthly and replacing batteries yearly, the unit still has to be replaced after 10 years.

Have a fire safety question you would like for the Fire Department to answer, please contact Tangela Rowe at 229-333-1835 or you can send an email valdostafire@valdostacity.org

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