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Change your Clock; Check your Smoke Alarms

Clearview, Wash. – As the time change approaches on Sunday, March 13, Snohomish County Fire District 7 wants to remind citizens to make another change that could save their lives – changing the batteries in their smoke alarms. Crews will be out spreading this message, as well as in installing smoke alarms in the community for those who need them. It is a part of a county-wide event sponsored by the Snohomish County Fire Prevention Association.

“Smoke alarms save lives by giving people the early warning they need to get out safely,” explained Public Educator Autumn Waite. “People often forget how important it is to make sure their smoke alarms are working, and that they have an adequate number of alarms in their home.”

Smoke alarm batteries should be replaced at least once per year, even if the alarm isn’t alerting you that the battery is dead or dying. Smoke alarms should also be tested monthly. If your smoke alarms are more than 10 years old, they should be replaced. Aging smoke alarms are unreliable and often are the source of nuisance alarms. If you have a 10 year lithium smoke alarm, it is not necessary to change the battery; but make sure it hasn’t exceeded its ten year life span.

Fire District 7 also reminds residents to create and practice a home fire escape plan. For more information on smoke alarms or creating your family escape plan, visit www.firedistrict7.com, or contact Autumn Waite at 360-282-3956 or awaite@firedistrict7.com.

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