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**Firefighters Urge Residents to Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms**

**Fort Myers Beach, FL – The Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District (FMBFCD) would like to remind residents to check their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors when they change their clocks this weekend. Replacing batteries twice a year in smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors is one of the easiest and most effective methods to reduce the risk of death from poisoning or fire.**

**According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) having a working smoke alarm coupled with a fire escape plan doubles the chance of survival in a home fire. Without a properly functioning alarm to act as an early warning device, fire and poisonous gases can spread unnoticed throughout a household, blocking escape routes and filling rooms with deadly smoke and toxic gases.**

**FMBFCD urges residents to change the batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms this weekend and check that each device is working properly when the time changes this weekend.**

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