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Smoke Alarm Installation Program

Kent, Wash. - October 22, 2015- Did you know that home fires kill, on average, seven people a day in this country? Did you also know that you can cut the chance of dying in a home fire *in half* by simply having working smoke alarms?

The early warning that a smoke alarm gives is a part of the escape plan that every family should have. Early warning, two ways out of every room, and a family meeting place once outside are all critical steps to a family's safety.

This weekend, in a partnership with the American Red Cross, members of the fire department and the Zone 3 Fire Explorers will go door to door in several Kent mobile home parks and install smoke alarms and smoke alarm batteries. Mobile homes are being targeted due to their light-weight construction and how quickly they burn during a fire. Also, mobile homes often have small windows and only one or two doors for residents to escape out of. For these reasons, getting working smoke alarms into these homes will help provide the warning necessary to escape a home fire.

By working with local fire department and installing smoke alarms, the Red Cross is working to reduce the number of deaths and injuries in home fires by 25 percent over the next five years across the country.

The media is invited to shadow the teams this weekend and help spread the word that working smoke alarms are critical to a family's home safety.

Date: October 24, 2015
Time: 10:00 am (for briefing)
Location: Fire Station 74
24611 116 Ave. SE
Kent, WA 98030

Please join us as we work to reduce fire risk in our community. For more information, please call 206-450-8400.

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