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Smoke Alarm Installation Program

Working to make homes safer

Kent, Wash. - June 11, 2015- Home fires kill seven people every day in this country. Fire related injuries are reported every 40 minutes. Residential fires cause \$7 billion in property damage annually.

How can we reduce these dismal statistics? A new program by the Red Cross that the Kent Fire Department RFA is participating in is working to decrease the deaths, injuries, and damage. Early warning is the key.

This early warning comes in the form of smoke alarms. Working smoke alarms can cut the chance of dying in a residential fire by half, and the Red Cross is launching a nationwide campaign to reduce the number of home fire deaths and injuries by 25 percent over the next five years. This means 638 less deaths, 3,285 less injuries, and \$1.7 billion less in fire damage - every year.

In addition to installing new smoke alarms, the Red Cross is asking the public to take two additional steps: Check existing smoke alarms to ensure they are working and to plan/practice an in-home fire escape drill.

Last Saturday the Kent Fire Department RFA, the Red Cross, and the Zone 3 Fire Explorers went to seven local mobile home parks and distributed notices (printed in both English and Spanish) that they would be back the following Saturday (June 13) to install free smoke alarms to those mobile homes needing them. The seven parks are:

- Angle Lake Mobile Home Park 3202 S. 200 Street, SeaTac
- The Firs Mobile Home Park 20440 International Blvd., SeaTac
- Maravilla Mobile Home Park 23810 30 Ave. S., Kent
- Green Acres Estates 23656 30 Ave. S., Kent
- Bonel Mobile Home Park 24415 64 Ave. S., Kent
- Circle K Mobile Home Park 827 West Valley Hy., Kent
- Shafran's Mobile Estate 24500 Russell Rd., Kent

The Kent Fire Department RFA and the Red Cross are concentrating on mobile home parks due to the increased danger that fires pose to the light-weight homes and their limited egress points.

The media is invited to accompany the installation crews this weekend. The teams will be made up of firefighters, Red Cross volunteers, and Zone 3 Fire Explorers.

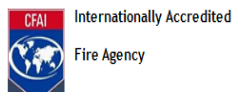
Date: June 13, 2015

Time: Meet at Fire Station 46 at 10:00 am

Installations 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

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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