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A Tale of Two Smoke Detectors

Can you spot the difference?

Keeping Your Family Safe



Smoke Detectors Save Lives, But They Must Be Cared For



Smoke Detectors save thousands of lives each year. In a recent survey, 96% of all homes claimed to have at least one smoke alarm. However, only 75% of all homes had a **working** smoke alarm. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out. 65% of home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or smoke alarms that do not work. To keep your family safe, follow the following tips...

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside of sleeping areas, and on all levels of the home.
- Test alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button.
- Replace batteries in all smoke alarms at least once a year and preferably twice a year. (Follow the “Change your clock, change your batteries” advice during Daylight Savings time.) If an alarm “chirps”, warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.
- Replace smoke alarms when they are ten years old. The difference between the smoke detectors on the cover is one is new, and one is ten years old and needing to be replaced; even though they look identical in every way.

Smoke Alarms
are an important
part of a home fire
escape plan.

Different Smoke Alarms

Ionization vs Photoelectric: An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires and a photoelectric smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection, both types of alarms or a combination alarm (photoelectric and ionization) should be installed in homes.

If cooking fumes or steam sets off nuisance alarms, replace the alarm with an alarm that has a "hush" button. A "hush" button will reduce the alarm's sensitivity for a short period of time.

Smoke alarms that include a recordable voice announcement, in addition to the usual alarm sound, may be helpful in waking children through the use of a familiar voice.

Smoke alarms are available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. These alarms use strobe lights. Vibration equipment can be added to these alarms.

Pancake Breakfast at

Woodinville Fire

Saturday March 28

8:00 am to 10:00 am

Station #31 (next to Post Office)



Join us for the Annual Firefighters Benefit Pancake Breakfast cosponsored by Woodinville Fire Department and Brittany Park Retirement Community. The event is part of the Celebrate Woodinville events including the All Fools Parade. Join us at Fire Station #31 (Headquarters) between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Suggested donation is \$4 for adults, \$2 for kids, toddlers and younger eat free. This is an all you can eat event with all proceeds benefiting the Woodinville Firefighters Benevolent Fund and Woodinville Fire Explorers.

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Lt. Al Nicholas hits 30th Anniversary with Woodinville Fire



Lt. Al Nicholas (left) has reached 30 years as a career firefighter with Woodinville Fire. Al continues to be a dedicated leader for his crew at Station 34 in Kingsgate. Pictured with Lt. Nicholas are his firefighters at Station 34 (l to r) FF Matt Durham, FF James Baca, and FF Liz Downs. Not pictured is FF Chris Bailey.

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