



WESTON FIRE RESCUE LAUNCHES NEW PROGRAM

SMOKE ALARM INSTALLATION/BATTERY REPLACEMENT FOR ELDERLY OR DISABLED

BSO Weston Fire Rescue is pleased to announce the launch of their Smoke Alarm and Battery Replacement Program for Weston residents.

This program is designed to reach resident seniors or the disabled who are unable to safely install smoke alarms and/or replace the batteries in existing alarms.

Program Goal: Have a working smoke alarm in every senior's home

In addition, fire fighters will also identify any risk factors present in the residence and share appropriate fire and life safety education information at that time, which includes slip & fall prevention, water safety, hurricane preparedness, fire safety tips and others. Weston Fire Chief Harris Bouchillon states "we don't want individuals who are frail or unsteady going up onto a ladder to install smoke alarms or replace batteries. This program assists in preventing injuries to those individuals and ensuring their home has a working smoke alarm".



Weston is home to over 5,000 persons over the age of 65. According to statistics, those individuals are at the greatest fire risk in the US. Adults ages 65-74 are nearly twice as likely to die in a fire. Adults ages 75-84 are nearly four times as likely to die in a fire. Adults ages 85 and older are more than five times as likely to die in a fire.

Statistics for EVERY HOME:

According to the National Fire Protection Association:

1. Almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in properties without working smoke alarms.
2. Smoke alarm failures in fires usually result from missing, disconnected, or dead batteries.
3. In one-fifth of all homes with smoke alarms, none were working.
4. Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half.

Please contact Life Safety Educator Pamela Gorman at 954-389-2058 or Fire Station 81 (954-389-2015) to schedule an installation and/or battery replacement. *This service is provided at no cost to our residents.*