

# NEWS from BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL & RESCUE DISTRICT



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## SMOKE ALARM /BATTERY DISTRIBUTION

The Bonita Springs Fire Control & Rescue District will be at Imperial Bonita Estates (I.B.E.) providing and installing free ionization smoke alarms and batteries into this manufactured/mobile/RV community **on Wed., Mar. 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00AM-12:00PM and on Thurs., Mar. 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:00PM-3:00PM**. This is part of the Fire District's Annual S.A.F.E. *Smoke Alarm for Every Home* initiative.

Changing smoke alarm batteries twice a year when you change your clocks is one of the most simple and effective ways to reduce deaths and injuries associated with home fires. In fact, a working smoke alarm doubles your chances of surviving a house fire.

On the average, 92 percent of American homes have smoke alarms; however, many households may have a false sense of security. Non-working smoke alarms rob residents of the protective benefits these life-saving devices were designed to provide. An inoperable smoke alarm is just as ineffective as having no smoke alarm at all. The most commonly cited cause of non-working smoke alarms? Worn or missing batteries.

After changing the batteries in smoke alarms, Bonita Springs Fire-Rescue also recommends that you take a few minutes to perform some minor maintenance such as cleaning dust from the devices. Also, always check the battery by pushing the test button. Did you know smoke alarms expire and should be replaced every 10 years? It is recommended that residents with hard-wired alarms also have battery-operated alarms in case of power failure.

For more information on smoke alarms or fire safety and prevention, contact Bonita Springs Fire-Rescue at 239-949-6227.

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