



# REDDING FIRE & EMS CO. #1

## **Press Release**

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Redding Fire & EMS Company #1 reminds everyone to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. When we change the clocks to end daylight savings time this weekend, it's a good reminder to "Change your clock, Change your batteries". Take a minute and test each smoke and carbon monoxide detector in your house. Press the test button and make sure it sounds, if the unit is dusty, vacuum it gently with a brush attachment, if it is damaged or painted over, consider replacing the unit. It is recommended to replace any units that are more than 10 years old. New smoke detectors are less susceptible to false alarms from cooking or steam from the shower. Consider upgrading to a 10 year sealed battery smoke and carbon monoxide detector, or a connected unit from Nest, Ring or SimpliSafe. If you have an alarm system with central monitoring, ask your alarm company to perform a safety check.

If you don't remember the last time your detectors were tested, it's time to check them. We recommended that you have a smoke detector in each bedroom and at least one more on each level of your house including the basement. The National Fire Protection Association reports that 71% of smoke alarms which failed to operate had missing, disconnected or dead batteries. This reinforces how important it is to take this time each year to check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

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