



## *Wentzville Fire Protection District*

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### **Smoke Detector Battery Replacement Program**

The WFPD is proud to offer smoke detector battery replacements to elderly and disabled residents who may not have the resources or support to hire assistance. Our goal is to help those most in need stay safe and supported in our community.

Please remember, if your smoke detectors are sounding and you are unsure of the reason, **CALL 9-1-1!**

Improved alkaline battery technology means smoke detector batteries now last much longer, reducing how often they need to be changed.

#### **Smoke Detector Facts:**

1. Most homes built in 1989 and after have interconnected, hardwired smoke detectors. Most hardwired detectors have a battery backup that need to be replaced based on the life expectancy of the batteries used.
2. Smoke detectors that are more than 10 years old need to be replaced. The WFPD does NOT replace smoke detectors, so you will need to have a qualified person install your new detectors.
3. A single chirp or beep every 60 seconds indicates a low battery that needs replacing.

#### **Battery Replacement Scheduling with the WFPD:**

1. Battery replacement appointments are scheduled for Tuesdays each week.
2. Requests must be made by no later than 3pm Monday for the next Tuesday.
3. Please have batteries available at the time of your appointment (9-volt or AA as applicable). **Please note:** Using manufacturer-recommended alkaline batteries, such as Duracell or Energizer, can significantly reduce how often batteries need to be replaced.
4. Please call the office at 636-332-9869 and select option #5 to leave a message to schedule your battery replacement appointment.

And again, **please call 9-1-1** if you are ever unsure or concerned about your smoke detectors.