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CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERY

Richmond, VA--- Sunday, March 14, 2010 is the beginning of daylight savings time and the city of Richmond Department of Fire and Emergency Services reminds residents that when you change your clock, change the battery in your smoke alarm.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, a home fire impacts the life of a family every 85 seconds. By providing an early warning and critical extra seconds to escape; smoke alarms cut in half your family's risk of dying in a home fire, but only if they work. So, as you spring forward on March 14, also make a life saving change in your household- change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. This simple change takes just a moment, but is the best defense your family has against the devastating effects of a home fire.

The Department of Fire & Emergency Services wants to make sure that all Metro Richmond residents change the batteries in their smoke alarms this weekend when they change their clocks. Any city resident that requires assistance with their smoke alarm can call 646-6640. If you do not live in the city of Richmond, call the Metro Richmond Smoke Alarm Hotline at 1-888-537-5967.

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