

	Standard Operating Guideline	
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PURPOSE: The Dothan Fire Department should ensure that a working smoke alarm exists on each floor and in the sleeping areas of every residence that is visited.

ARTICLE I. SMOKE ALARMS

SECTION 1

All engine company and truck company smoke alarm boxes shall be equipped with four lithium smoke alarms and four 9-volt batteries. Two additional lithium smoke alarms and two additional 9-volt batteries will be stored at the stations, except for Stations 1 and 3. These stations will maintain six lithium smoke alarms and six 9-volt batteries. The additional two smoke alarms and two batteries, stored at the station, are to replenish smoke alarms and batteries installed over the weekend. They are to be considered as a temporary replacement item until the completed Smoke Alarm Program / Liability Release form has been returned to the Public Education Officer. Once the completed Smoke Alarm / Liability Release form has been received by the Public Education Officer, replacement smoke alarms and 9-volt batteries will be issued to each station accordingly.

SECTION 2

During every response to residential occupancies, the company officer shall ensure that at least one properly operating lithium smoke alarm exists on each floor and in each sleeping area within the residence. During an emergency incident where the Company Officer must immediately transport the occupant, the company officer may choose to forego this procedure.

SECTION 3

After handling the incident, the company officer will ensure that the occupant receives a Smoke Alarm Information pamphlet and shall seek permission from the occupant to test all existing smoke alarm(s).

1. Replace all 9 volt battery type alarms with a lithium smoke alarm with the exception of the interconnected alarms. These interconnected type smoke alarms will have a 9-volt battery that will need to be replaced annually but the alarm cannot be replaced due to the type of system. We can provide the home with a lithium smoke alarm. Please document this on the Smoke Alarm Program/ Liability Release Form for tracking purposes.
2. After installing a new smoke alarm, test the smoke alarm to ensure that it

is functioning properly. If the smoke alarm does not function, install a new smoke alarm.

3. The electronic form fillable PDF Smoke Alarm Program/Liability Release Form shall be filled out and signed by the owner/occupant before a smoke alarm is installed. Once signed, email a copy of the form to the department's Public Education Officer, and place the original copy in the station's box to be delivered to the Public Education Officer.

ARTICLE II. HEARING IMPAIRED SMOKE ALARMS

SECTION 1

A hearing impaired smoke alarm may be provided to persons with determined hearing loss. A Fire Prevention Officer will complete these installations and may be assisted by Engine Company personnel.

1. All persons receiving hearing impaired smoke alarms should be screened by the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind (AIDB) before or after installation.
2. If, during an incident response, it is determined that a person may need a hearing impaired smoke alarm, please forward his/her name and pertinent information via email to the Fire Administration Secretary.
3. If a hearing impaired smoke alarm is present during an incident response, please test it accordingly.

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