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10 Fire Departments Selected to Participate in 2015 Smoke Alarm Blitz

The South Carolina Division of Fire and Life Safety, Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM), announces 10 fire departments have been selected to participate in the grant-funded “2015 Smoke Alarm Blitz.” The OSFM was awarded a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters grant through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

The following departments were selected based on National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) data, a social vulnerability index score, fire fatalities (per capita) and other application information:

- Awendaw
- Bluffton Township
- City of Anderson
- City of Columbia
- Clarendon County
- Hartsville
- Lee County (two communities)
- Roebuck
- Una
- Windy Hill

“This grant benefits many South Carolinians and allows our Community Risk Reduction team to continue its proactive stance of installing smoke alarms in at-risk communities,” State Fire Marshal Chief Bert Polk said. “Working in conjunction with local fire departments, our previous smoke alarm installations have been very successful. During our 2014 Smoke Alarm Blitz, we installed nearly 2,500 smoke alarms in homes all over the state.”

The OSFM and the selected local fire departments will be canvassing selected neighborhoods installing 10-year lithium battery smoke alarms. Carbon monoxide alarms, if needed, will also be provided. The American Red Cross will also be assisting by distributing disaster preparedness packets.

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