

Senior Smoke Detector Program

Rotarians at Work Day

April 24, 2010



The five San Ramon Valley Rotary Clubs and the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District are proud to announce a **NEW** smoke detector program especially for seniors in our community.

On Saturday, April 24, teams from the Alamo, Danville, Danville-Sycamore, San Ramon and San Ramon Valley Rotary Clubs will visit the homes of seniors who need assistance to change batteries in their existing smoke detectors and replace smoke detectors that are over 10 years old. This service is FREE to the community and signing up is simple.

If you or someone you know needs their batteries changed or their smoke detector replaced, please call the "Rotarians at Work" project at (925) 838-5133.

Please note only seniors residing in Alamo, Blackhawk, Danville, and San Ramon are eligible for this free program. Rotarians will only be able to change batteries and smoke detectors up to a 10' ceiling height.

For more information on this exciting new program, contact "Rotarians at Work" at (925) 838-5133 or visit our website at www.firedepartment.org.



Press Release for Immediate Release



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If you need assistance in having your batteries changed or need a new smoke detector installed, please drop by one of the following locations to complete the sign-up form **no later than 9:00 am, Friday, April 2, 2010:**

- Alamo Bank of America - 110 Alamo Plaza, Alamo
- Alamo Safeway - 200 Alamo Plaza, Alamo
- Alamo Women's Club - 1401 Danville Blvd, Alamo
- Danville Community Center - 420 Front Street, Danville
- San Ramon Senior Center - 9300 Alcosta Boulevard, San Ramon
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- Sunny Glen Senior Center – 9000 Craydon Circle, San Ramon
- San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District Administration Building – 1500 Bollinger Canyon Road, San Ramon

You can also sign up by calling the Rotarians at Work Day project at (925) 838-5133 or online sign up forms can be found at www.FireDepartment.org for downloading.

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Most home fires happen at night when people are asleep. While some people think that the smell of smoke will wake them, the truth is that the poisonous gases and smoke produced by a fire actually numb the senses and can put a person into a deeper sleep. Properly installed and maintained smoke alarms can detect a fire early on, giving you more time to escape from the home safely. Smoke alarms should be **tested monthly** and batteries should be **changed** at least once a year. If your smoke detector is over 10 years old, it should also be replaced.

An important part of fire safety is knowing what to do in an emergency. Planning and being prepared are very important steps that you can take right now. Here's how:

- Set the smoke detector off so that everyone is familiar with the sound.
- Plan escape routes and have at least two ways out of each room. Make sure that everyone knows where to meet once they have escaped from the home.
- Practice your escape plan at least twice a year.
- Make sure that your home is kept free of all obstructions from doors and windows.
- If you live in a multi-story home, have fire escape ladders in each bedroom.
- When a smoke detector sounds, leave immediately, go to your meeting place, and then call 9-1-1 from a neighbor's phone. **DO NOT** call the fire department from inside the home.
- Once you are outside, stay out! Never go back into a home filled with smoke.

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Smoke detectors should be tested **monthly** and the batteries should be **changed** at least once a year. If your detector is over 10 years old, it should also be replaced. Rotarians will have smoke detectors on hand in case yours needs to be replaced. Rotarians will install and change batteries up to a 10' ceiling height.

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Should you have any questions, please call the *Rotarians at Work Day* project at (925) 838-5133 or visit www.FireDepartment.org information.

SMOKE DETECTOR BATTERY SIGN-UP SHEET

- Yes, please sign me up to have the batteries in my smoke detector changed. I have _____ smoke detectors in my home.**
- I do not have a smoke detector and would like to have one donated and installed by the Rotarians.**
- Yes, I am interested in having my smoke detector batteries changed, but will be unavailable on that date. Please put my name on a list for a future date to be announced.**

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

***RETURN SIGN-UP SHEET TO ONE OF THE DROP OFF LOCATIONS LISTED ABOVE.**