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Macomb Fire Department Installing No-Cost Smoke Alarms in Conjunction with Statewide Campaign

October 20-26 Macomb, IL – In a collaborative effort with the nonprofit Camp I Am Me and Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal (OSFM), the Macomb Fire Department will be installing no-cost smoke alarms for the residents of Macomb. The Be Alarmed! Smoke Alarm Installation Program provides smoke alarms and fire prevention materials to Illinois fire departments to both educate residents on fire safety as well as to provide them with life-saving devices in their home.

The statewide smoke alarm blitz campaign, scheduled for October 20-26, brings together fire departments from across Illinois to raise awareness about fire prevention and ensure that communities have properly functioning smoke alarms installed in their homes. As part of Fire Prevention Month, the Macomb Fire Department will be installing 10-year sealed battery smoke alarms to enhance home safety and protect families.

Fire Chief Dan Meyer emphasizes the critical importance of working smoke alarms, stating, “This year’s National Fire Prevention Week campaign is, ‘Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!’ as smoke alarms are the most effective early warning devices available. By simply having a working smoke alarm in your home, you can reduce your risk of fire-related fatalities by half. With the reliable 10-year sealed battery smoke alarms, residents can rest assured that their homes are safeguarded for years to come.”

In addition to providing smoke alarms, the program includes educating residents on creating home fire escape plans to empower them with the knowledge of how to respond in case of an emergency.

“Our primary goal is to ensure all residents have the lifesaving protection of a smoke alarm,” explains Chief Meyer. “While smoke alarms play a crucial role in fire safety, we also strive to educate the community on the importance of being prepared with an actionable fire escape plan.”

Residents interested in learning more about the Macomb Fire Department’s smoke alarm installation program are encouraged to contact the department at 309-836-7800 or <https://cityofmacomb.com/fire-prevention-programs/>.

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