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FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFERS FREE SMOKE DETECTORS Ace Hardware Providing Coupons for Fire Protection Equipment

FRANKLIN PARK – The Franklin Park Fire Department is giving away one free smoke alarm per residence. The program is offered through a grant from the Office of the State Fire Marshal. In addition, a partnership with the local Ace Hardware will provide residents with coupons to purchase additional smoke alarms and other fire prevention items at a discount.

“Smoke alarms save lives. Having a working fire alarm reduces the risk of dying in a fire by fifty percent,” said Franklin Park Fire Chief Bill Brehm. “Smoke spreads fast when there is a fire, and smoke alarms give you and your family the time to get out.”

Historically, smoke alarms were designed to detect either one type of fire or the other, but not both. The free alarms are dual-smoke alarms that can detect both smoldering fires and flaming fires, increasing the chances of early detection and escape from the home.

“We know that most fatal fires occur in homes, and in nearly two-thirds of those fires, there are no working smoke alarms present,” stated Mayor Barrett Pedersen. “This program will prevent tragedies and help protect our children and our homes. Installing and maintaining working smoke alarms allow homeowners to ensure the safety of their families if a fire occurs.”

The Fire Department is also providing coupons to purchase additional smoke detectors at Olson's ACE Hardware located at 10135 Grand Avenue in Franklin Park. Coupons are also available to purchase carbon monoxide and fire extinguishers at a discount.

The free smoke alarms are available at the Fire Department Station #2, located at 10001 Addison. Residents must provide proof of address and only one free smoke alarm per family is allowed. Batteries and informational packets on these new alarms will also be included. Additionally, residents can pick up coupons for discounted items at Fire Station 2.

For more information, please call 847-678-2400.