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DCFEMS Ready to Distribute and Install Smoke Alarms for Homeowners during National Fire Prevention Week

Outreach Campaign Aims to Give Out Thousands of Smoke Alarms by Years End

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – The DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department (DCFEMS) will kick-off National Fire Prevention Week by visiting several neighborhoods throughout the city to give out or install free smoke alarms.

More than 93,000 single family homes in the District are eligible to receive a free smoke detector from the department. Participants must be a current homeowner living in the District of Columbia.

“A working smoke alarm can be the single most important appliance in the home because they have been proven to save lives,” said DCFEMS Chief Kenneth B. Ellerbe. “Our goal is to ensure that as many homes are safe as possible.”

The department will canvass the following neighborhoods between 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday:

- Monday:** 1400 block of Swann St. NW, 1400 block of T St. NW, 1400 block of S St. NW and the 1900 block of 15th St. NW (Ward 2)
- Tuesday:** 700 block of Gresham Pl. NW, 700 block of Girard St. NW, 700 block of Harvard St. NW and the 2800 block of Sherman Ave. NW (Ward 1)
- Wednesday:** 1400 block of 18th Pl. SE, 1400 block of 18th St. SE, 1400 block of 19th St. SE and the 1900 block of Naylor Rd. SE (Ward 8)
- Thursday:** 5100 block of 38th St. NW, 5100 block of 39th St. NW, 3800 block of Fessenden St. NW, 3800 block of Garrison St NW, 3800 block of Gramercy St NW and the 3800 block of Harrison St NW (Ward 3)

The department will also canvass neighborhoods in Wards 4 and 7 on Saturday and Wards 5 and 6 on Sunday.

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire which began on October 8, 1871 and continued the following day. Since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9 falls.

The A'sia Sutton Smoke Alarm Giveaway and Installation Program (ASSAP) is a District-wide initiative established by the Department to ensure that all District of Columbia homes have working smoke alarms. Homeowners can request installation of a free smoke alarm by calling 202-727-1614 or visiting <http://311.dc.gov>.

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