

Charlotte County Fire/EMS recognizes that smoke detectors and education are one of our best tools when it comes to preventing fire related injuries and fatalities.

The Firefighters and Paramedics of Charlotte County take great pride in their efforts to provide smoke detectors and fire safety information to the citizens of Charlotte County.



FATAL HOME FIRES:

1. Often start during the early morning hours when everyone is asleep.
2. Frequently burn for a long time before being discovered.
3. Kill more people from smoke inhalation and carbon monoxide poisoning than from burns.



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A.L.A.R.M.S.

A Logical
Logical
Answer for
Replacement of
Malfunctioning
Smoke detectors



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

A.L.A.R.M.S is a program designed for the residents of Charlotte County that replaces or provides a working smoke detector for the home. When a Charlotte County Engine Company responds to a call for a residential fire investigation and finds the resident in need of a working smoke detector, an A.L.A.R.M.S. Fire Safety Kit will be offered to the resident.



A.L.A.R.M.S FIRE SAFETY KIT INCLUDES:

- A smoke detector with batteries
- Pamphlets containing information on:
 - Smoke alarms
 - Fire Extinguishers
 - Fire and burn prevention
 - Hazardous material in the home
 - E.D.I.T.H. (exit drills in the home)
 - Injury prevention
 - And other existing Charlotte County Fire/EMS community programs

DELIVERY OF THE A.L.A.R.M.S SAFETY KIT

Upon delivering your kit, firefighters will:

- Help install the detectors if residents are unable to do so themselves.
- Provide information on the maintenance of smoke detectors.
- Answer any questions residents may have regarding fire safety.



Charlotte County Fire/EMS is working hard to make your emergency a little bit easier for you!

Did You Know?

- Smoke, not heat, is the leading cause of death in home fires.
- Smoke can engulf a home in under 10 minutes.
- From the time a fire breaks out, a person has less than 4 minutes to escape the disabling effects of smoke and poisonous gases.
- Over 94% of all homes in the U.S. have at least one smoke alarm. However, surveys show that 1/2 to 1/3 of them do not work because the battery is either dead or missing
- You have nearly a 50% better chance of surviving a fire in your home with working smoke alarms.
- Smoke alarms should be replaced every ten years.

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