



# CAYCE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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## Media Release

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### ***THE CITY OF CAYCE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND ENERGIZER®***

The City of Cayce Fire Department and *Energizer* are teaming up to promote fire safety awareness and encourage the public to change the batteries in their smoke detectors when they change their clocks on daylight saving time. The partnership is part of *Energizer's* annual *Change Your Clock Change Your Battery®* program.

The City of Cayce Fire Department will be providing a limit number of batteries to the citizens of Cayce during the week of October 26, 2015. Please call the Cayce Department of Public Safety at (803) 794-0456 to schedule our firefighters to install new batteries in your smoke detectors.

Home fires take the lives of more than 2,500 people each year in the United States alone.\* On average, seven people are killed in home fires every day.\*

*Energizer®* and the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) will partner for the 28<sup>th</sup> year to help lower this toll, inform Cayce area residents about fire safety and encourage people to adopt life-saving habits through the *Change Your Clock Change Your Battery®* program.

Although there's been an increase of homes with smoke detectors, the issue now is keeping the devices working. According to the National Fire Protection Association, three out of five fatal fire injuries take place in homes without working smoke alarms. And 71 percent of smoke alarms that failed to operate had missing, disconnected or dead batteries.

Also, we encourage all of our residents with gas appliances to install a carbon monoxide detector within their homes or apartments. Just like smoke, carbon monoxide is an invisible deadly gas.

**Change Your Clock Change Your Battery November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015**

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