

# **SMOKE ALARMS**

*What You Need To Know*



## **PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY TODAY**

### **Do you have the right type?      How old are your detectors?**

There are many different brands of smoke alarms available on the market but they fall under two basic types: ionization and photoelectric.

Ionization alarms sound more quickly when a flaming, fast moving fire occurs. Photoelectric alarms are quicker at sensing smoldering, smoky fires. There are also combination smoke alarms that combine ionization and photoelectric into one unit, called dual sensor smoke alarms.

Because both ionization and photoelectric smoke alarms are better at detecting distinctly different yet potentially fatal fires, and because homeowners cannot predict what type of fire might start in a home, the Riley Fire Department recommends the installation of both ionization and photoelectric smoke alarms. These alarms could save your own life and those of your loved ones by providing the chance to escape.

Regardless of the style, brand or type it is recommended that your detectors be replaced every 8 to 10 years.

**The Riley Fire Department is pleased to announce our campaign to ensure our residents have the right kind and right age of smoke alarms in their homes and therefore will provide and install one new photoelectric, and/or ionization smoke detector in your home FREE of charge. \*\***

In order to permit scheduling of these installations we are asking residents to complete the bottom portion of this form and return it to your Riley Elementary School teacher. The fire department will then collect these forms and contact each resident to schedule a time to install the alarm(s).

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### 2009 Riley Fire Department Smoke Detector Campaign

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Best time for installation (circle):    AM    PM    Weekend    Weekday

What can we provide you? (\*\*While supplies last) (Please circle):

A photoelectric detector    A ionization detector    Both

**For further details or questions contact Riley Fire Department  
Division Chief Kevin Murphy at 812-894-3610 Extension 45.**