

# FIRE PREVENTION & PROTECTION



## FIRE CHIEF'S MESSAGE *Jim Langborg*

This year's Fire Prevention Week Theme is "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep: Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm" which is a message our firefighters take very seriously. As we approach the holidays I am reminded of the tragic Stamford, Connecticut house fire that killed five members of the Badger family in the early morning hours of Christmas 2011. The investigation that followed this horrific event determined there were no working smoke alarms in the house that could have alerted the family sooner and given them time to escape. The loss of property from a fire is devastating, but the loss of life from a fire exceeds our comprehension especially when it involves children and is preventable.

Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue has a smoke alarm program and is happy to install a smoke alarm in your home at no cost. We're also happy to assist you with changing the batteries to ensure your smoke detectors are in working

order. All you have to do is call 541-997-3212 during business hours and let us know what you need.

In closing I would also like to take a few moments to recognize our volunteer firefighters who provide you with a level of service that is rarely seen in a community our size. The commitment they have for protecting our citizens and visitors can only be described as selfless and heroic. They are invaluable and we all owe them a debt of gratitude. As you look through the pictures of our firefighters and Fire Corps Volunteers please recognize them for the heroes they are.



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