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### Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries!

As daylight savings time approaches on March 9th, the Oak Lawn Fire & Rescue Department wants to remind residents to make another change that could save their lives – changing the batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

To save lives and prevent needless injuries, the Oak Lawn Fire & Rescue Department has joined the “Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery” campaign. The program urges Americans to adopt a simple, lifesaving habit; changing smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector batteries when changing clocks to daylight savings time.

The peak time for home fires is between 10 p.m. and 6a.m. when most families are sleeping. Smoke alarm maintenance is a simple, effective way to reduce home fire deaths. A working smoke alarm can give your family the extra seconds you need to get out of a home fire safely.

In addition, Oak Lawn Fire & EMS Chief George Sheets, recommends residents use the “extra” hour they save from the time change to test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors by pushing the test button, planning “two ways out” and practicing escape routes with the entire family. Families should also prepare a fire safety kit that includes working flashlights and fresh batteries.

To learn more about the Oak Lawn Fire & Rescue Department, please visit [www.oaklawn-il.gov](http://www.oaklawn-il.gov).

