

## Overview of OSFM's revised Smoke Alarm Installation Program

The goal for the revised Smoke Alarm Installation Program:

- ✓ Install working smoke alarms into at-risk residences
- ✓ Enhance promotion of community education related to fire safety in general
- ✓ Improve tracking of outcomes to justify program continuation and;
- ✓ Streamline the process to minimize the negative impact to personnel time, overhead and coordination.

A balance needs to be maintained allowing ease of use, but still give the OSFM necessary data to measure outcomes and justify continued support to the program.

The revised program also addresses a missing component, which is a follow-up process to identify what percentage of installed alarms are still operational after a predetermined period of time.

### ***Question for you:***

- ✓ ***What do you feel is a good percentage for call-backs of the total installed?***
- ✓ ***What period of time should pass before performing the call-backs?***

### **Smoke Alarm Program Intake Form:**

We streamlined the form and it will be on our web site as a fillable document. This form is intended for use whenever smoke alarms are being requested regardless of the number requested. As an example, there may be an isolated case where the fire agency knows of a specific home needing a smoke alarm, an RV park, or an at risk area of the community, etc.

This process allows for more flexibility for the fire agencies or organizations. In addition, smoke alarms are NO longer limited to 54 per project. You now will order as many smoke alarms as you need to complete your project.

**Smoke Alarm Installation Form:** [alarm\\_installation\\_form.pdf](#)

Again, we streamlined this form from one full page to a multiple entry form (4 on the front and 5 on the back). We are asking for the minimum information we need to enter into our database. This will allow us to cross-reference with FireBridge and give us the stats we need.

***If there is something, you think should be added, let us know. Not only do we want this form to work for us, but also want it to work and be useful to you.***

**Folder design:** folder8.pdf

The blue background is the American flag. The front features a smoke alarm, with red and blue rings surrounding it, suggesting abstractly we have hit the target when working smoke alarms are in EVERY home. This folder is for the fire service/organization and holds examples of the forms and rack cards, etc.

**Rack cards:** smoke\_alarm\_card3.pdf

No home goes without receiving educational safety messages. A packet of safety material will be distributed to each home whether or not they are home, or receive smoke alarms. The smoke\_alarm\_card2.pdf document is an example of what the rack cards look like. We chose a black and white theme to save on printing cost. The following is a list of rack cards we are making available not only for the smoke alarm program but also as a standalone resource:

Smoke Alarm

Candle Safety

Cooking Safety

Electrical Safety

Gas Safety

Get Out Stay Out

Home Heating Safety

Medical Oxygen

Outdoor Cooking Safety

Smoking

Sorry We Missed You

The rack cards, waiver form and the verbiage on the bags are in both English and Spanish.

All homes are to receive the smoke alarm rack card and a home escape magnet at a minimum. The fire agency may choose from the other rack cards which they want to include depending upon their educational needs, priorities, or time of year.

We recommend no more than three or four additional messages at a time.

***Question for you: What do you recommend as a reasonable number?***

**Waiver:** These are going to be in 3-ply carbonless with a wraparound cover. This includes a cardboard flap to go between each set. Sets are in English and Spanish.

This allows the resident, fire agency/organization and OSFM to have a copy of the signed waiver. As in the past, a waiver form must be signed before installation takes place.

**Magnet:** A 4" w x 5.75" magnet is being designed. The magnet is to promote Home Escape. Both tips and a floor plan graphic are included. The idea is that creating an "Eye Catching" magnet to put on the refrigerator will be a constant reminder and leaves additional room for more safety education messaging in the packet.

**\$250 Program Assistance:** Assistance is still available per project. Receipts are now required. The receipts need to be submitted OSFM at the end of your program.

**Bags:** They are white with red lettering and have a doorknob hole at the top. The verbiage is as follows:

We did not add the '*Sorry We Missed You*' on the bag because all homes will receive a bag of educational information.

There is a '*Sorry We Missed You*' rack card to add to the content in the bag for those who are not home.

## **Did You Know? In Oregon On average**

Fire claimed one civilian life every **9 days**.

Fire injured one civilian every **39 hours**.

Fire caused an estimated **\$311,401** in property loss every day.

## **Oregon Fire Departments respond to**

A fire every **49 minutes**

An outside fire every **1 hour, 52 minutes**

A structure fire every **2 hours, 15 minutes**

A vehicle fire every **5 hours, 34 minutes**

**Look Inside  
for  
Important  
Fire Safety Information!**