Okaloosa County
News Release

Fire Prevention Week is October 9 – 15
Don't Wait – Check the Date – Replace Smoke Alarms

Okaloosa County, along with Okaloosa County's Fire Departments would like to remind residents about Fire Prevention Week, October 9 through 15, 2016, and the theme is **"Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years."** The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) survey data shows there are still a lot of misconceptions about smoke alarms nationwide, and an average of seven people die from a home fire daily. For that reason, this will be the third year in a row focusing on smoke alarms. Many don't know how old their smoke alarms are, nor how often they should be replaced.

For more information, or to help promote Fire Prevention Week, visit NFPA at http://www.nfpa.org or the U.S. Fire Administration, https://www.usfa.fema.gov/, which offer frequently asked questions and some community outreach tools.

For more information, please call 311 anytime or contact the Okaloosa County Public Safety Department at 850-651-7150. Follow us on **Facebook (Okaloosa County Department of Public Safety) or twitter @OKALOOSAEOC.**

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*The Okaloosa County Department of Public Safety mission is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of our community with pride and professionalism and consists of the following divisions: 911 Communications, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Emergency Management and Beach Safety. Since 2002, Okaloosa County has been an official **Storm Ready County**, and meets several emergency management criteria: the 24 hour Warning Point, the six different means of receiving National Weather Service warnings, the ability to monitor real time data at both the Emergency Operations Center in south Okaloosa and the 24 hour Warning Point in the north.*