



# MARIPOSA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Smoke Alarm Inspection and Replacement Program

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### **What is the Install. Inspect. Protect. Smoke Alarm Campaign?**

More than 3,000 people die in home fires each year in the United States; most of whom are in homes without a working smoke alarm. To prevent these deaths, the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), a division of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is sponsoring a nationwide ***Install. Inspect. Protect. Campaign*** designed to raise awareness about how working, properly installed smoke alarms can lower a person's chances of dying in a fire.

### **What is Mariposa County Fire Department (MCFD) involvement in the campaign?**

Mariposa County Fire Department is supporting this critical effort to reduce injuries and the loss of life by initiating a county-wide campaign to inspect and/or replace smoke detectors in the homes of Mariposa County residents.

### **What is the campaign goal of Mariposa County Fire Department?**

The goal of MCFD is to provide free inspection and/or replacement of smoke detectors in 10 percent of Mariposa County homes within the next year, as well as installing carbon monoxide detectors in those homes that are in need. MCFD will also offer free batteries for those with existing alarms.

### **How is the campaign being funded?**

A program of FEMA, grants are awarded to fire departments to enhance their ability to protect the public and fire service personnel from fire and related hazards. Mariposa County Fire will use excess funds from a Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) as seed money to purchase 1,340 smoke detectors, 300 carbon monoxide detectors and 9v replacement batteries.

### **Who qualifies for this campaign?**

The target groups for this campaign are seniors, economically disadvantaged and families with children, but anyone having a need for this service will not be turned away.

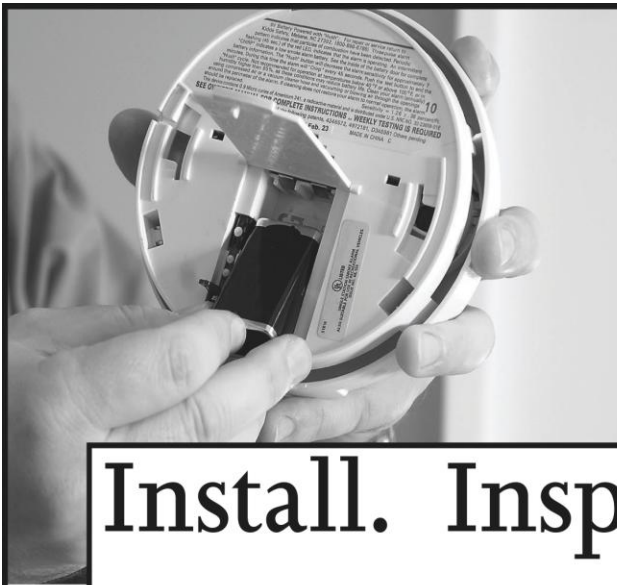
### **How do I schedule an appointment for an inspection and/or installation?**

Appointments may be scheduled by contacting the **MCFD office at (209) 966-4330**.

### **How can I get involved and volunteer with the campaign?**

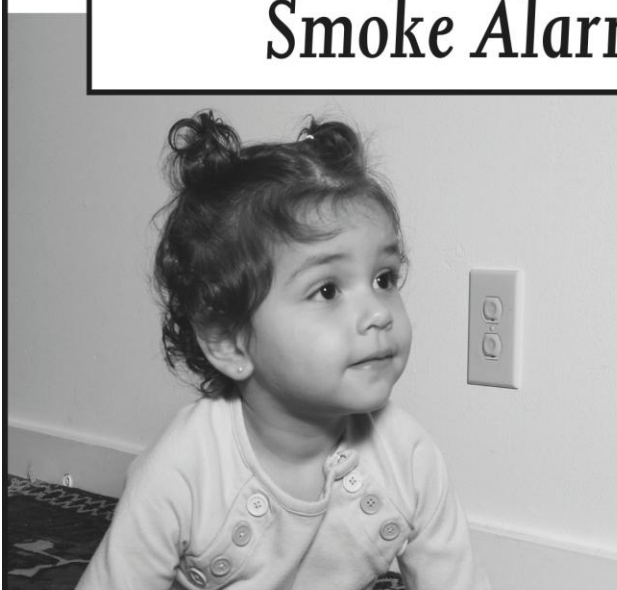
MCFD is currently looking for support members to assist with inspections and installations. Must be able to climb a ladder and use basic tools. No experience is required and training will be provided. For more information, contact the **MCFD office at (209) 966-4330**.

***The mission of Mariposa County Fire Department is: The preservation of human life, the protection of real and personal property, to provide basic life support, advanced First Aid, and patient care in emergency medical situations, to respond to calls for public service, to provide assistance in time of need.***



# Install. Inspect. Protect.

## Smoke Alarms Save Lives.



**More than 3,000 people die in home fires every year.** Many of these deaths occurred in homes without working smoke alarms.

Protect yourself, your family and firefighters by installing and maintaining smoke alarms in your home. **Do your part to get out before firefighters risk their lives to come in.**

Install smoke alarms both inside and outside of bedrooms and sleeping areas and on every level of your home. Test them monthly. Change the batteries as instructed. Consider installing sprinklers in your home.

For more information, go to [www.usfa.dhs.gov/smokealarms](http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/smokealarms).



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