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**CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS, CHANGE THE BATTERIES IN YOUR
SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS**

Time change on March 13 is a suitable reminder to replace batteries

FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia – The Forsyth County Fire Department would like to remind citizens to change the batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors as they set their clocks forward an hour on March 13, as daylight-saving time begins.

“When you move your clocks ahead one hour on March 13, take the opportunity to replace the batteries in your home’s smoke and carbon monoxide detectors,” Fire Chief Danny Bowman said. “This takes only a few minutes and it is something that could prove to be life-saving.”

The Forsyth County Fire Department recommends testing smoke and carbon monoxide detectors at least once a month and replacing the batteries every six months. The units themselves should be replaced every eight to ten years.

The Fire Department also reminds citizens of the following safety precautions:

- Install a smoke detector on every level of the home
- Ensure smoke detectors are clean and free of dust
- Dial 911 in case of any emergency

The Forsyth County Fire Department is eager to help those who may need smoke detectors in their residence. The department’s Public Safety Education Division provides smoke detectors free of charge for senior citizens and residents in need; they will also install those detectors. To receive details on this program, call Public Safety Educator Michele Cranford at Fire Department Headquarters at 770.781.2180 ext. 4028.

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