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

Daylight-saving time is a convenient reminder to replace batteries

FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia – The Forsyth County Fire Department encourages citizens to change the batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors as they set their clocks forward an hour as daylight-saving time begins on Sunday, March 11.

“While changing the clocks in your home, please take the time to replace the batteries in the smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors throughout your house,” Captain Jason Shivers said. “It is a simple task that could potentially prove 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 critical need for working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors throughout every level of a home cannot be stressed enough,” Fire Chief Danny Bowman said. “It is important to remember that you have no sense of smell when you are asleep, so smoke detectors are your only hope of being alerted to a fire.”

The Forsyth County Fire Department is eager to help those who may need smoke

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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 Andrea Noble at Fire Department Headquarters at 770.205.5699.

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