



SMOKE DETECTOR PROGRAM

NO ONE SHOULD DIE BECAUSE THEIR SMOKE DETECTOR DID NOT WORK

Since January 2018 seventy-eight percent (78%) of fires in Harrison Township have not had working smoke detectors.

- Nationally three out of five home fire deaths result from fires without working smoke detectors.
- The risk of dying in a home fire is cut in half with working smoke detectors.

The two primary reasons for this major loss of life remain the lack of working smoke detectors and the failure to plan and practice two ways out of our homes in the event of a fire.

The Harrison Township Fire Department found a large portion of our community remains unprotected with working smoke detectors. Many of the homes which we have found with smoke detectors are outdated or without a power source. We have decided to address these critical issues by making smoke detectors available to households inside of Harrison Township and at the same time, encourage the need for planning and practicing a fire exit plan for every residence, especially those with small children, including a centralized outside meeting place for the family to assemble should there be a fire.

Harrison Township citizens are encouraged to contact the Harrison Township Fire Department via email at [Smoke Detector Request](mailto:SmokeDetectorRequest@harrisantownship.org), for a free inspection of their existing smoke detectors and the free installation of new smoke detectors with ten-year tamper-proof batteries, should their existing units be found inoperable.

After you make contact with us, a firefighter will arrange a convenient time for one of our crews to visit your home; inspect your existing smoke detectors; and replace an expired or defective detector with a new one at no cost to you. This project is made possible through Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant funding.

The Harrison Township Fire Department values your life and those of your loved ones. Our goal is to make the community safer, one home at a time.

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