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10/16/17 Announcement

The Springwater Fire Department is proud to announce free smoke detector program for Springwater, NY residents who are 65 years of age or older and residents who are hearing impaired. The detectors must be installed in the residence, renters are eligible as well. The program is set to begin November 12, 2017 and runs through the end of April 2018. During installation of the smoke detector the Springwater Fire Department firefighters will present some brief information on fire safety. An initial goal of 54 smoke detectors is set, but if the need exceeds the initial goal we will seek more detectors. The program is free and to learn more or sign up for installation please call Springwater Fire Chief Mike Edwards at 585-813-2021.

Older adults, those aged 65+ years, have a well-documented increased risk for fire injury and death due to declining sensory and motor capacities and a low prevalence of working smoke alarms in their homes. Individuals who are deaf or hearing-impaired are also at risk for fire injury because they often cannot hear a standard smoke alarm alerting them to danger. The Smoke Alarm Installation Project will address fire injury risks by increasing the prevalence of working smoke alarms and providing personalized fire safety education to every recipient household. The smoke alarms installed through this project will have a long-life battery in a sealed battery compartment and will meet New York State requirements. These photoelectric alarms will also have a hush button feature to reduce the potential for nuisance alarms. Special smoke alarms that incorporate strobe lights and/or shaker pads have been designed to alert individuals with hearing impairments; these alarms will be distributed through this program, as needed.

This program is in conjunction with the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs (NYSAFC) who were awarded grant funding from the FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) grant program to conduct a Smoke Alarm Installation Project. This project will install more than 2,500 smoke alarms across New York.

