As part of the “Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery” annual home fire safety campaign, the Office of Fire Prevention & Control, and your local fire department, urges you to adopt a simple, potentially life saving habit: Change the batteries in your smoke alarms when you change your clocks back to daylight saving time this Fall (November). Usually done on Saturday night before bed time!

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

• Each day, an average of three kids die in home fires - 1,100 children each year. About 3,600 children are injured in house fires each year. 90 percent of child fire deaths occur in homes without working smoke alarms.

• Although smoke alarms are in 92 percent of American homes, nearly one-third don’t work because of old or missing batteries.

• A working smoke alarm reduces the risk of dying in a home fire by nearly half.

• The “Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery” campaign encourages you to arm yourself against home fires by taking some basic home fire safety precautions, including installing fresh batteries in smoke alarms.