



## St. Charles Countryside Fire Protection District

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### Fall is the Time to Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Fall's cooler weather results in the operation of furnaces and fireplaces that have been dormant over the summer. During this time chimneys and flues can become blocked creating dangerous situations for families. Heating equipment is the leading cause of carbon monoxide (CO) incidents with 40% of CO incidents occurring between the months of November and March. Most CO incidents occur between 5 P.M. and 10 A.M. with over 90% occurring in single family homes.

Protecting your family against the dangers of CO can be completed by maintaining heating and cooking equipment as well as installing CO detectors in compliance with Illinois State Statutes (Public Act 94-741). Effective January 1, 2007, homes are required to have a least one CO detector installed with 15 feet of every room used for sleeping purposes. Detectors can be purchased at local home improvement and hardware stores.

Smoke detectors are equally important. Fall is the time to check on detectors and replace any older batteries. A recent survey of District households found only 72% had installed, functioning detectors. This means that every night some of the district residents go to sleep without the safety a smoke detector provides. The district is committed to resident safety and can assist with installation, maintenance or providing a smoke detector if needed. Visit the District web site for more information.

### Fire Signs

Fire signs located in visible locations are critical to making sure fire and police help can find you. Fire signs provide addresses for our residents. Please check on the location and condition of your fire sign. The district should be contacted if your sign needs to be replaced or relocated.

### Home Safety Survey

A home safety survey is available for download from the District website. This survey is designed as a checklist to identify areas to make our homes safer.

### Fire Safety and Emergency Medical Education Programs

The District is offering classes to increase resident education in fire safety and emergency medical care. These classes are free to district residents. Current classes included proper use of fire extinguisher and CPR certification. Other classes will be added based on need. Classes can be conducted at neighborhood gatherings such as homeowner association meetings or community groups. Ideas or requests to schedule a class can be completed by contacting [info@sccfpd.org](mailto:info@sccfpd.org).

The St. Charles Countryside Fire Protection District can be contacted at 630-762-3900, by email at [info@sccfpd.org](mailto:info@sccfpd.org) or through the website at [www.sccfpd.org](http://www.sccfpd.org). Residents can sign up to receive email updates on district classes and safety information through a link on the website.

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