



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
FIRE/EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDER

General Order Number: 12-03	Effective Date: January 2010
Division: Inspections and Investigations	
Chapter: Smoke Alarm Inspections	
By Order of the Fire Chief: Marc S. Bashoor	Revision Date: March 16, 2012

POLICY

This General Order shall set forth the policy that all Fire/EMS personnel are to check smoke alarms in every home they enter, especially after emergency calls for assistance.

DEFINITIONS

N/A

PROCEDURES / RESPONSIBILITIES

1. General Provisions

For several years, the Prince George's County Fire/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department has actively sought to prevent fires and fire fatalities.

In order to provide the best possible protection to the citizens we serve, all fire and EMS crews shall check smoke alarms in every home that they enter, especially after emergency calls for assistance. During the course of daily activities, personnel interact with citizens in a variety of situations. Every interaction with the citizens can be an opportunity to stress that smoke alarms are the first line of defense when it comes to preventing fires and fire fatalities.

Personnel should be cognizant and sensitive to incidents that may not lend themselves to inform an occupant that their smoke alarm is not operating. These types of situations, however, do not prohibit personnel from following up at a more opportune time to ensure the safety and welfare of that citizen.

REFERENCES

N/A

FORMS / ATTACHMENTS

N/A