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### **State Fire Marshal's Office Provides 500 Smoke Alarms to Alcorn County in Partnership with Vision 20/20**

**Jackson, MS** – In a continuing effort to help lower fire deaths in Alcorn County, at risk homes in that area will receive smoke alarms this week thanks to a partnership between the Mississippi State Fire Marshal's office and the Vision 20/20 project.

The Alcorn County fire service along with Alcorn County Boy Scouts will be distributing and installing 500 smoke alarms in homes on Saturday, October 1, 2016. The project will assist scouts seeking to obtain their Eagle status.

The project is also part of a State Fire Marshal's Office program to assist the county fire service in developing a community risk reduction plan to reduce fire deaths in Alcorn County. The State Fire Marshal's Office has assisted in investigating fires that have resulted in 32 fire deaths so far in 2016. Of those 32 fire deaths, one occurred in Alcorn County.

“As I have repeated over and over, having working smoke alarms can cut your risk of dying in a fire by half,” said Commissioner of Insurance and State Fire Marshal Mike Chaney.

“The State Fire Marshal’s Office strives to provide fire safety education to consumers and fights to reduce fire deaths in the state. We welcome this partnership with Vision 20/20 and thank them for providing these vital devices.”

Vision 20/20 is a national project that is dedicated to providing national strategies in fire prevention across the country.

For more information on fire safety education in Mississippi, visit the State Fire Marshal pages of the Mississippi Insurance Department website at [www.mid.ms.gov](http://www.mid.ms.gov) . You can also follow us on Twitter - @msfiresafe and on Facebook.