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State Fire Marshal: Check smoke alarms when you set clocks forward this weekend

Jackson, Miss. – State Fire Marshal Mike Chaney is asking everyone to test existing smoke alarms this weekend when you set your clocks forward for daylight saving time. So far in 2019, there have been 21 fire deaths.

“In at least 14 of the fire deaths this year there were no working smoke alarms to warn people to get out of their home,” said Chaney. “I’d like all Mississippians to turn their attention to fire prevention. Check your smoke alarms and always have an escape plan mapped out for your family.”

The Mississippi State Fire Marshal’s Office recommends the following smoke alarm safety tips:

- Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button.
- Make sure everyone in the home understands the sound of the smoke alarm and knows how to respond.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.
- Replace the smoke alarm immediately if it doesn’t respond properly when tested.
- Smoke alarms should be placed in every sleeping area and common hallways.

Go to the Mississippi Insurance Department website for more smoke alarm and fire safety tips:

<http://www.mid.ms.gov/preparedness/fire.aspx>

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