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State Fire Marshal Mike Chaney distributes over 23,000 smoke alarms

JACKSON, Miss. –The Mississippi State Fire Marshal’s Office (SFMO) is distributing 23,526 smoke alarms to city and county fire departments throughout the state. Distribution began on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 when several departments picked up their alarms. Additional alarms will be delivered to other departments. A full list of recipients is attached at the bottom of this email.

So far in 2019 there have been 25 fire deaths reported statewide. That’s a 41% decrease over this time last year. However, in at least 16 cases in 2019, there were no working smoke alarms.

“Smoke alarms can cut your risk of dying in a fire in half,” said State Fire Marshal Mike Chaney. “If you don’t have a smoke alarm, get one. You can call your local fire department or fire coordinator and ask them to install an alarm in your home.”

The smoke alarms were purchased with grant money from the Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The SFMO will train the recipients on installing the alarms, as needed. Fire departments and fire coordinators can request smoke alarms by emailing Brad.Smith@mid.ms.gov

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LIST OF SMOKE ALARM RECIPIENTS:

1. Cato Volunteer Fire Department
2. Guntown Volunteer Fire Department
3. Harrisville Volunteer Fire Department
4. Hog Chain Volunteer Fire Department
5. House Volunteer Fire Department
6. Lafayette Volunteer Fire Department
7. Latorneau Volunteer Fire Department
8. Lee County Volunteer Fire Departments
9. Maben Volunteer Fire Department
10. Morton Volunteer Fire Department
11. Mt. Pisgah Volunteer Fire Department
12. Pope Volunteer Fire Department

13. Poplar Creek Volunteer Fire Department
14. Puckett Volunteer Fire Department
15. Richmond Volunteer Fire Department
16. Spout Springs Volunteer Fire Department
17. Toomsba Volunteer Fire Department
18. Union Volunteer Fire Department
19. Victoria Volunteer Fire Department
20. Adams County
21. Benton County
22. Covington County
23. Hancock County
24. Harrison County
25. Jefferson County
26. Lamar County
27. Leake County
28. Newton County
29. Oktibbeha County
30. Pearl River County
31. Perry County
32. Washington County
33. Batesville Fire Department
34. Booneville Fire Department
35. Brandon Fire Department
36. Byhalia Fire Department
37. Clarksdale Fire Department
38. Corinth Fire Department
39. Gautier Fire Department
40. Gluckstadt Fire Department
41. Jackson Fire Department
42. Laurel Fire Department
43. Moss Point Fire Department
44. Natchez Fire Department
45. Newton Fire Department
46. Okolona Fire Department
47. Oxford Fire Department
48. Petal Fire Department
49. Poplarville Fire Department
50. Raleigh Fire Department