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WHAT SOUND CAN YOU LIVE WITH?

October 3-9, 2010 is Fire Prevention Week; which commemorates the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. This year San Bernardino County Fire Department, along with the National Fire Protection Association, supports the theme of: **"Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With"**. One of the key aspects is to know what sound your alarm makes, make sure to test your alarms throughout the year to insure they are working. It is recommended that every ten years you install new smoke alarms.

There are two types of smoke alarms: ionization and photoelectric. Ionization is more responsive to flaming fires and photoelectric are more responsive to smoldering fires. For best protection, install both types of alarms or a combination alarm that has both. Also insure that everyone in the house can hear the alarms, never assume they will.

The major causes of home fires and injuries include cooking, smoking, heating, and electrical. Only you can make sure your home is safe, perform a home fire safety hunt and correct areas that pose a fire hazard. Include all family members in the hunt and plan/practice a home escape plan with everyone meeting outside at the meeting place. It only takes a few minutes to insure your home is safe and the benefit is priceless!

Look for various fire department Open Houses during the month of October. We will post the ones within our jurisdiction on the community calendar on our website, so check often.

For more fire and life safety information, visit our website at www.sbcfire.org.

Free audio public service announcements can be found at www.firepreventionweek.com

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