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TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM CHECKS

JOHNSTON, Iowa – The Johnston-Grimes Metropolitan Fire Department (JGMFD) is proud to serve both communities to ensure the safety of residents in their homes. With Daylight Savings Time quickly approaching, the JGMFD reminds residents to check their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. If you need assistance with the checks, the JGMFD is here to help.

“In 2019, the JGMFD received two grants, which allowed us to provide smoke and carbon monoxide alarms for residents in single-family homes or town-homes,” said Fire Chief Jim Clark. “They have also partnered with and received smoke alarms from the American Red Cross. If residents need assistance changing out the batteries, we can help with that too. We want to ensure the safety of our community, and giving back from the grants we received is a great way to do this.”

The JGMFD received \$5,000 from the ‘Close Before You Doze’ campaign and \$1,000 from Kwik Star. These grants allowed the Fire Department to purchase smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and batteries. The American Red Cross is also a great partner and provides smoke alarms. The department's goal is to perform checks while at a resident's home during a medical call; however, there may be times when this is not possible due to the type of call. But we will leave a card for the resident to call us back to schedule a time for the check.

Residents within Johnston or Grimes can take advantage of this service by contacting the Fire Marshal at 515-251-7692. A call to schedule a check could help save your life.

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