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## **WORKING SMOKE ALARM SAVES FAMILY**

**JOHNSTON, Iowa** – On Sunday, Sept. 19, the Johnston Grimes Metropolitan Fire Department was called to a home in Johnston for a small fire.

When the first units arrived, they saw smoke coming from the fireplace chimney chase. The crews removed the siding and sheeting to ensure the fire was extinguished.

“This family was awakened by the smoke alarms and safely exited, then called for help,” said Fire Marshal Craig Ver Huel. “It proves to be an important reminder of ensuring your alarms are working properly and batteries are changed during Daylight Saving Time. These alarms saved this family’s life.”

For more information, please contact Fire Marshal Craig Ver Huel at 515-251-7692.

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