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Fire Safe SC Partners with S.C. Veterans' Affairs to Promote Alarm Installations

Fire Safe South Carolina is partnering with the South Carolina Department of Veterans' Affairs to provide free smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to Veterans in need. This partnership was facilitated by a similar ongoing relationship and referral process that currently exists between Fire Safe South Carolina and the South Carolina Department on Aging.

"Our research shows seniors continue to rank in our highest risk age category for fire-related fatalities," State Fire Marshal Jonathan Jones said. "Working together with Veterans' Affairs gives us a unique opportunity to provide fire and life safety educational material and resources to veterans and their family members."

To receive free smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, citizens should complete and return a request form by visiting: <https://rb.gy/mspxra>. Once a referral is received, Fire Safe South Carolina staff members will coordinate a Home Safety Visit and the alarm installation with the citizen's local fire department. Referrals must be submitted, as instructed, to be processed.

"The partnership with Fire Safe South Carolina and the State Fire Marshal's office is a tremendous example of the support this great state offers to our Veterans and their families," Secretary of Veterans' Affairs Will Grimsley said. "Providing devices and free installation in their homes to keep people safe is a tangible reminder of the gratitude South Carolinians feel for those who have served. This partnership of community, county, state, private industry, nonprofit, and volunteers is exactly how we best meet our challenges through integration and collaboration."

Fire Safe South Carolina, launched in 2017, unites fire service organizations to engage influential stakeholders. The program supports local fire departments in reducing risk in their communities.

For more information, visit the Fire Safe SC site <http://firesafe.sc.gov/> or S.C. Department of Veterans' Affairs <http://va.sc.gov>.