



2019 FUNDING REQUEST TO ROTARY DISTRICT 5440 February 7, 2019

The **HISTORY** of the Smoke Alarm Program:

- Smoke alarm installations, sponsored and coordinated by Reveille Rotary and the Casper Fire-EMS Department started in 2014. Prior to that Reveille Rotary changed smoke alarm batteries in senior's homes, but did not install alarms.
- The Program now includes the installation of 10-year life Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Alarms, LED Night Lights and Light Bulb replacements, all with sealed batteries to eliminate the need for the recipients to ever change batteries.
- Installations typically occur during a one-week span in April of each year (Saturday, Tuesday, the following Saturday). Senior service organizations, such as the Casper Senior Network and AARP Wyoming, are used to identify potential recipients through their network agencies. Through this method, we provide outreach through the Senior Center, Meals on Wheels, home health agencies, Central Wyoming Hospice and others.
- Since 2014 close to 2000 smoke alarms have been installed in approximately 450 homes utilizing over 75 volunteer and Fire-EMS department installers annually, as of the April 2018 event.

WHY the Smoke Alarm Program is critical:

- At age 65, older adults are twice as likely to be killed or injured by fires compared to the population at large. By age 75, that risk increases to three times that of the general population — and to four times by age 85 (from NFPA's Remembering When program).
- Seniors SAFE Smoke Alarm Program is designed for the senior population to assist with:
 - ✓ Fire prevention and saving lives
 - ✓ Fall prevention – keeping the elderly away from the need to use ladders or stand on chairs
 - ✓ Covering the cost, including installation, of smoke alarms in every bedroom and on every level of the home along with a carbon monoxide alarm near the sleeping area
 - ✓ Using night lights that come on and off automatically to prevent night time falls
 - ✓ Education on home safety, such as the appropriate use of throw rugs, keeping combustibles away from furnaces, water heaters and any heat source and what to do in the case of an emergency
 - ✓ Further education on the resources and services available in Natrona County designed around the senior population

The **GOAL** of the Smoke Alarm Program:

- To serve the senior population within Casper, Mills, Evansville, Bar Nunn and the surrounding Natrona County area with a greater outreach for Fire and Life Safety and the prevention of falls.
- To partner together with organizations and community Fire-EMS departments that share the mission and vision of serving the senior population – for financial support, in-kind support and volunteer participation.
- To allow the Reveille Rotary Club to carry on their mission of serving Seniors and the Rotary International's mission of Service Above Self.

REQUEST to Rotary District 5440

- \$3,500 for our April 2019 and April 2020 Seniors SAFE installations

The NEXT Installation – April 2019

Saturday, April 6, 2019 9am to noon
Tuesday, April 9, 2019 1pm to 4pm
Saturday, April 13, 2019 9am to noon

By the NUMBERS

- One year of inventory purchased through discount programs offered through Crum Electric Supply in Casper and Home Depot is \$14,250 and will provide for an average of 125 homes annually
- Maintain one year of inventory
- Provide installations to 125 homes with a total of approximately 500 smoke alarms (average 4 per home), 125 carbon monoxide detectors and 250 led night lights
- Engage 75 to 80 volunteers annually through assistance with Rotarians, our partner groups, the community and Casper College fire science students
- Provide awareness and publicity for all of our partnering agencies

Our PARTNERS for funding, volunteers and enrolling recipients

- Blue Envelope Health Fund
- Rotary District 5440
- AARP Wyoming
- Casper Senior Network and all member organizations
- Area Fire-EMS Departments – 9 stations total
- Casper College Fire Science program
- **Our generous community**



Installation by Casper College student



Training session prior to each installation



Rotarians Carolyn Griffith and Dave Hough discussing the installation with homeowner Sam Wormus