



Residential Smoke Alarm Program

Since January 2007, the Sparks Fire Department has offered residents its Project SAFE campaign, which provides vital fire safety educational information and installation of smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, and hearing impaired devices to City of Sparks homeowners.

With the assistance of local business volunteers, Sparks Fire Department personnel have installed over 3,500 smoke alarms, 785 Carbon Monoxide Detectors, and 64 Hearing Impaired devices in 1,171 homes from 2010 to July 2017. Fire department personnel have also educated 2,584 adults and children about fire safety in the home. Our goal for 2017 is to reach 1,200 homes by the end of December.

Project SAFE has three documented smoke alarm saves and two documented carbon monoxide saves. Without the installation of the smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, which provided quick notification to the resident, these incidents could have resulted in loss of life and major damage to the homes and personal possessions.

Funding for this program has been derived from three FEMA grants (2010 – 2012) and eight fire department fundraisers (2010 – 2017). Proceeds from an annual Project SAFE Golf Fundraiser continues to support the financial needs of the program and assists in purchasing fire safety information and materials for general fire safety education to schools and businesses. The Project SAFE Golf Fundraiser has raised \$90,000 over eight years. The 2017 golf fundraiser registered 124 players and brought in \$18,000.00 in revenue.

The Project SAFE Golf Fundraiser could not be as successful as it is without the generous donations and sponsorship from local businesses. The top Sponsors are publically presented with a plaque at a Council meeting.