



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 3,057 smoke alarms, 671 Carbon Monoxide Detectors, and 55 Hearing Impaired devices in 1,036 homes from 2010 to June 2015. Fire department personnel have also educated 2,286 adults and children about fire safety in the home. Our goal for 2015 is to reach the 1,100 - home mark by the end of December.

Project SAFE has documented two “Saves” as the result of the installation of smoke alarms. Without the installation of the smoke alarms, which provided quick notification to the resident, these two fires could have resulted in major damage to the homes and loss of personal possessions.

Funding for this program has been derived from three FEMA grants (2010 – 2012) and seven fire department fundraisers (2010 – 2016). 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 \$72,200 over five years. The 2016 golf fundraiser registered 124 players and brought in \$12,000.00 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 two Sponsors are publically presented with a plaque at a Council meeting.