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Lompoc Firefighters Reminds Community To “Change Your Clock, Change Your Batteries”

LOMPOC, CA, March 8, 2021 – Lompoc City firefighters would like to remind residents that on **Sunday, March 14** when they set their clocks ahead one hour for daylight savings time, they also change the batteries in their smoke detectors and carbon-monoxide detectors.

Daylight savings time begins this Sunday, March 14, at 2 a.m.

The national “Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery” campaign urges people to change the batteries in their smoke alarms and carbon-monoxide detectors at least twice a year at the start and end of daylight savings time.

After putting new batteries in a smoke detector, residents should make sure the detector is working by activating the safety test button. The Lompoc City Fire Department recommends testing smoke detectors at least once a month. If there is any doubt regarding the working condition of a smoke detector, it is best to replace it.

Although smoke detectors are in most American homes, many do not work simply because the battery is dead. Dead batteries are responsible for about 25 percent of smoke alarm failures, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

A working smoke detector provides an early warning of a fire, and gives people the critical extra seconds needed to escape.

This Sunday, when you change your clock, change your battery.

