ST. TAMMANY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #1

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Fire Chief – David Kuhn

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St. Tammany Fire District No. 1 reminds us it's time to

"Change Your Clock / Change Your Battery"

SLIDELL, LA. – This weekend, daylight savings time ends as we turn our clocks back one hour. St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1 would like to remind residents that it is also time to change the batteries in their smoke detectors. Working smoke detectors reduce the risk of death in a home fire by nearly 50%. Changing your batteries and testing your smoke detectors when you change your clocks is just one simple way homeowners can protect themselves. In addition, the International Association of Fire Chiefs recommends replacing your smoke detector every eight to ten years.

To save lives and prevent needless injuries in Slidell, St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1 has joined forces with the International Association of Fire Chiefs and Energizer brand batteries. For nearly two decades the "Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery" campaign has urged all Americans to adopt a simple, life-saving habit: change their smoke alarm batteries when changing their clocks back every fall. 9-volt and AA Energizer Batteries will be available, free of charge, at Fire Stations in Slidell through Monday, November 11, 2013, while supplies last, to adults only, with a limit of two per household.

Chad Duffaut, Chief of Fire Prevention, recommends residents use the "extra" hour they save to test their smoke detectors by pushing the test button, planning "two ways out" and practicing those escape routes with the entire family.

For more information about fire safety call: 985-646-4387

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The following is a list of addresses for the fire stations in Slidell:

Station 11 – 322 Bouscaren St. Station 12 – 1570 West Hall Ave. Station 13 – 101 Normandy Dr. Station 14 – 297 Steele Rd. Station 15 – 58405 Holly Dr. Station 16 – 320 Marina Dr. Station 17 – 309 Johnny F. Smith Blvd. Headquarters – 1358 Corporate Square Blvd.

For more information about St. Tammany Fire Protection District #1 visit us at <u>www.slidellfire.org</u> or follow us on <u>Facebook</u> - *St. Tammany Fire District #1* and <u>Twitter</u> - @*SlidellFire_PIO*

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