



Division 12 **Inspections and Investigations**

Chapter 03 – Smoke Detector Inspections

March 2009

POLICY

This General Order shall set forth the policy that all Fire/EMS personnel are to check smoke detectors in every home they enter, especially after emergency calls for assistance.

REFERENCES

N/A

FORMS/ATTACHMENTS

N/A

DEFINITIONS

N/A

PROCEDURES

1. General Provisions

For several years, the Prince George's County Fire/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department has actively sought to prevent fires and fire fatalities.

In order to provide the best possible protection to the citizens we serve, all fire and EMS crews shall check smoke detectors in every home that they enter, especially after emergency calls for assistance. During the course of daily activities, personnel interact with citizens in a variety of situations. Every interaction with the citizens can be an opportunity to stress that smoke detectors are the first line of defense when it comes to preventing fires and fire fatalities.

Personnel should be cognizant and sensitive to incidents that may not lend themselves to inform an occupant that their smoke detector is not operating. These types of situations, however, do not prohibit personnel from following up at a more opportune time to ensure the safety and welfare of that citizen.