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WORKING SMOKE ALARMS FOCUS OF NATIONAL CAMPAIGN

RANCHO SANTA FE, Calif. — In response to a national call for action by Homeland Security, the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District (RSFFPD) is asking everyone to install, maintain, and test their smoke alarms. This effort is in response to one of the deadliest holiday seasons in recent years related to fire. Since Thanksgiving 2008, more than 200 people have died in fire-related tragedies in the United States.

“The 2008 holiday season and the start of 2009 may be recorded as one of the deadliest for residential fires in recent memory of the fire service,” said Greg Cade, United States Fire Administrator. “Not only has there been a significant number of preventable fires, but the occurrences of multiple fatalities resulting from these fires are simply unacceptable within our nation. There should be a smoke alarm protecting every person in this nation today, particularly as we sleep.”

While there have been no such devastating fires with the RSFFPD, firefighters urge everyone to do their part of help keep such incidents from occurring. “Everyone should test each smoke alarm in their home once a month to ensure it is functioning,” said Nick Pavone, RSFFPD Fire Chief. “In addition, the batteries in each smoke alarm should be changed once a year, even if the alarm is still working. This includes the backup batteries for alarms that are hard-wired.”

For more information about smoke alarms and fire safety, please visit our website at www.rsffire.org or <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/citizens/focus/>.

The mission of the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District is “To protect life, property, and environment through prevention, preparedness, education and emergency response.” Formed in 1946, the Fire District now spans approximately 42-square miles and protects over 26,500 citizens. The Fire District currently operates out of four full-time fire stations and serves the communities within and surrounding Rancho Santa Fe and 4S-Ranch.

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