

March 2019,

Greetings,

Hope everyone is well.

Unfortunately, our March refresher is canceled. You will be notified of the rescheduled date soon.

In the meantime, I have included information on the importance of installing and maintaining your smoke alarms.

According to the United States Fire Administration, in 2017 there were 3,400 deaths in the U.S. This is a stark reminder to pay attention to the proper installation and maintenance of smoke alarms in the home.

Working smoke alarms can provide early notification to residents maximizing the available escape time.

It is important to note that new smoke alarms are equipped with 10-year non-replaceable batteries.

All smoke alarms should be replaced at 10-year intervals regardless. If you happen to still have the 9-volt smoke alarms installed and they are still within the 10-year life span, please remember to change the batteries every year. A helpful reminder is to change the batteries when you change your clocks for daylight saving time.

I have included helpful brochures from the National Fire Protection Association regarding smoke alarms.

I have also included information on escape planning from the home.

The next round of Community CERT classes is scheduled for November and the Business CERT class for October. The new flyers are available on our website at www.beverlyhills.org/certsignup so please let your friends and neighbors know!

Thank you,

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