



Fire Department

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MEDIA ALERT

NEIGHBORHOOD SMOKE DETECTOR SWEEP

- WHAT:** Milwaukee Firefighters will go door to door checking smoke detectors and installing new ones if necessary.
- WHO:** Assistant Chief Michael Romas
Assistant Chief Gerard Washington
Milwaukee Firefighters
- WHEN:** Tuesday May 14
11:30 am
- WHERE:** The area surrounding North 21st Street & West Atkinson Avenue
- DETAILS:** On May 13, 2013 there was a structure fire at 2040 West Atkinson Avenue. Milwaukee Firefighters were onscene three minutes after being dispatched to a report of a fire. Upon arrival, they found an apartment fire on the third floor of the building. Crews quickly extinguished the fire, but unfortunately found a victim that had succumbed to her injuries.

Milwaukee Firefighters will go door-to-door in the neighborhood checking homes' smoke detectors to make sure their home is protected and offer fire safety education. This is part of Project FOCUS (Firefighters Out Creating Urban Safety) where the Milwaukee Fire Department installs free smoke detectors for those in need.

Assistant Chief Michael Romas will be available for comments prior to the neighborhood sweep in front of 2040 West Atkinson Avenue.

If you are in need of a smoke detector, please call the Smoke detector Hotline to have one installed for free by the Milwaukee Fire Department.

Smoke Detector Hotline-414-286-8980

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