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News Release

GREENVILLE CITY FIRE OFFICIALS PLEADING WITH PUBLIC IN WAKE OF FIRE FATALITY

(Greenville SC) Deeply saddened by the news of the death of the young boy pulled from last Thursday's residential fire, and having determined that the home did not have working smoke alarms, Greenville City Fire Department (GCFD) officials are pleading with city residents to take immediate action to ensure that their homes have working smoke alarms. Any city resident who does not have working smoke alarms or who is not sure whether their smoke alarms are working properly, can contact GCFD and firefighters will come to the home, inspect the smoke alarms and install new 10-year smoke alarms for free as needed.

According to Will Broschious, GCFD's community risk reduction coordinator, there was also a fatal residential fire in the city last year, and that home was also without working smoke alarms. "Through our smoke alarm initiative, we have worked diligently over the past few years to stress the importance of having working smoke alarms and to work with our partners to get free smoke alarms into the homes of those who need them," said Broschious. "We are heartbroken by this tragic loss of life and are asking for every city resident's help to make sure this doesn't happen again."

City residents can request a smoke alarm by submitting a [Smoke Alarm Request Form](#). Additionally, residents who believe their smoke alarm is not functioning properly can call 232-2273 to request a smoke alarm appointment.

Fire investigators are still working to determine the cause of the fire.

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