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The Oakland Fire Department in conjunction with the American Red Cross Launches the Home Fire Preparedness Campaign

Oakland, CA — Did you know that if a fire starts in your home, you may only have two minutes to escape? Every year more lives are lost in residential fires than all other major disasters combined.

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On Saturday, May 14, 2016, the Oakland Fire Department (OFD) in partnership with the American Red Cross, Oakland Black Firefighters Association (OBFFA), and the Bay Area Youth Emergency Medical Technician (BAY EMT) Program is launching a Home Fire Preparedness Campaign for Oakland residents. The Campaign will include: checking existing smoke alarms for functionality; and/or installing new smoke alarms when needed; and discussing fire safety tips with residents. There is no charge to the resident/property owner for this service. The Campaign will start in the Seminary/International Blvd. neighborhood, with other neighborhoods participating in the near future. Residents will be notified prior to the event about participating in this campaign.

Oakland residents are reminded that “Working smoke alarms saves lives...Let’s be fire safe!”

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