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## Change Your Clocks, Change Your Smoke Alarm Batteries

Pelham Fire Services reminds everyone to "Change Your Clock, Change Your Smoke Alarm Battery" this weekend as daylight savings time ends on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

"Smoke alarms only save lives if they work properly," said Pelham Fire Chief Bob Lymburner. "Correct smoke alarm installation and maintenance significantly affects the outcome of a fire."

Smoke alarms are required by law and need to be tested monthly. Smoke alarms more than ten years old need to be fully replaced.

"Smoke alarm batteries need to be changed once a year, and using the annual daylight savings time date is a great reminder," said Pelham Fire Prevention Officer Saskia Holditch.

As part of Fire Prevention Week 2013, Pelham firefighters have been going door-to-door checking working smoke alarms in residential homes. Combination smoke alarms/carbon monoxide detectors are available to those in need through Project Zero and in partnership with Enbridge.

If you have any questions about smoke alarms or fire safety, or if you would like to know more about the smoke alarm/carbon monoxide program, please call Pelham Fire Services at (905) 892-2607 ext. 202 or e-mail sholditch@pelham.ca.

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