



Daylight Saving Time ended this past weekend with the clocks "falling back" one hour. Malabar Fire-Rescue reminds residents to use this time-change to also change out all smoke detector batteries and make sure all are working properly.

According to the National Fire Prevention Association, roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires in the small percentage of homes with no smoke alarms. In one-quarter of the reported fires in homes equipped with smoke alarms, the devices did not work resulting in a death rate that is up to 50% higher than in homes that have working smoke alarms.

Residents that don't have working smoke detectors in their homes should take the necessary measures to acquire one for each end of the house, specifically outside all sleeping areas where it can be heard in the event of a fire. Smoke detectors are available at local hardware stores and are easy to mount.