

LONG HILL TOWNSHIP OFFERS FREE SMOKE ALARMS TO RESIDENTS

Township Partners with the NJ Division of Fire Safety, Kidde and WABC-TV Channel 7: The “SAVE-A-LIFE SMOKE ALARM DISTRIBUTION CAMPAIGN” has come to Long Hill Township. This program provides free 10-year sealed battery smoke alarms for households lacking in adequate smoke alarm protection. Designed largely to assist senior citizens, low-income residents, households with children and other members of the community in need, these life-saving devices are the product of a unified effort by the NJ State Department of Community Affairs, the State Fire Marshal’s Office, Kidde Fire Safety Equipment and WABC-TV Channel 7.

“We are extremely pleased that this continuing partnership with Kidde and WABC-TV Channel 7 will allow us to distribute free smoke alarms in Long Hill Township and communities across New Jersey”, said State Fire Marshal and Director of the NJ Division of Fire Safety Richard Mikutsky. “The units come in very nicely-packaged boxes, but the end-game is to get them out of the boxes and into homes where they can do the most good”, he added with a smile.

“Smoke alarms reduce home fire fatalities by about 50%”, added Long Hill Township Mayor Brendan Rae, “and the early warning these devices provide can also be extremely instrumental in reducing the inherent risks to emergency responders”. Words spoken by someone who knows of such risks, as Mayor Rae is also a member of the Millington Volunteer Fire Company.

Township Administrator Nancy Malool expressed high praise and appreciation for the solid commitment the DCA and its partners have made in sustaining this life-saving program at no-cost to tax payers anywhere in the State. “It’s rare that such a valuable service as this can be delivered with no price tag other than calling in to submit a request,” she noted. “Another nice feature of this program is that our residents will no longer need to climb on chairs or step ladders to change smoke alarm batteries,” she added, “and that should help prevent needless slips and falls in the home as well.”

Interested parties may contact the Township Bureau of Fire Prevention at 908-647-8000, extension 307 or at fireofficial@longhillnj.gov for further details and assistance. The free smoke alarms will be available while supplies last and can even be installed free of charge at the home owner’s request.