

Fire Prevention Week October 3 - 9, 2021

Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety™

Is there a beep or a chirp coming out of your smoke or carbon monoxide alarm? What does it all mean? Knowing the difference can save you, your home, and your family! Make sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and knows how to respond. Learn the sounds of your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms by checking the user guide or search the brand and model online.



WHAT IS YOUR ALARM TELLING YOU?

SMOKE ALARMS

- A continued set of three loud beeps—beep, beep, beep—means smoke or fire. Get out, call 9-1-1, and stay out.
- A single “chirp” every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed.
- All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.

CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) ALARMS

- A continuous set of four loud beeps—beep, beep, beep, beep—means carbon monoxide is present in your home. Go outside, call 9-1-1 and stay out.

Make sure your smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of everyone in your home, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

- A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be replaced.
- CO alarms also have “end of life” sounds that vary by manufacturer. This means it’s time to get a new CO alarm.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.

Make sure your smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of everyone in your home, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

Some tips:

- ✓ Install a bedside alert device that responds to the sound of the smoke and CO alarms. Use of a low frequency alarm can also wake a sleeping person with mild to severe hearing loss.
- ✓ Sleep with your mobility device, glasses, and phone close to your bed.
- ✓ Keep pathways like hallways lit with night lights and free from clutter to make sure everyone can get out safely.

**Photos of All
Shelby County
Fire Departments
Inside!**

Thank you for your service!

Defiance Fire Department



Defiance --

Front: Alan Wilwerding, Ethan Arkfeld, Jon Arkfeld, Jacob Gubbels and Roger Blum.

Back: Rob Erlbacher, Travis Bissen, Jared Anastasi, Byron Erlbacher, McKenna Wardrip, Steve Rau and Michael Christensen.

Not pictured: Vern Cole and Tony Schmitz.

Find out how you can become a member of the Defiance Fire Dept.

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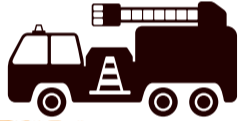


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FIRE SAFE



Be Aware & Prepared.

Take time during **Fire Prevention Week** to check smoke alarms, review safety tips and create a fire escape plan for your home.

TOP 5 Residential Fire CAUSES



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Middle: Derek Pauley, Jack Kenkel, Nick Cadwell, Rick Pauley, Joey Muenchrath, Tom Muenchrath, Ty Fredrick, Glenn Birks, Chris Gaul, Ryan Lawson, Brian Heese.

Back: Jeff Fahn, Amy Langenfeld, Scott Schiltz, Wyatt Muenchrath, Wesley Muenchrath.

Not Pictured: Mike Erlbacher, Dillon Frederick, David Frum, Brian Grote, Jason Segebart, Corey Sonderman.

Find out how you can become a member of the Earling Fire Department.

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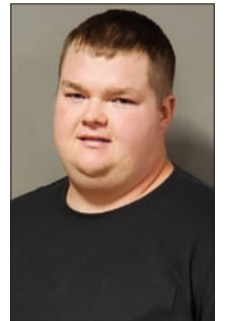
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Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- Choose a CO alarm that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Call your local fire department's non-emergency number to find out what number to call if the CO alarm sounds.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.
- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel declare that it is safe to re-enter the home.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO — only use outside.

HOME HEATING EQUIPMENT



Have fuel-burning heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in. When using a fireplace, open the flue for adequate ventilation. Never use your oven to heat your home.

FACTS

- ! A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.
- ! In 2010, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 80,100 non-fire CO incidents in which carbon monoxide was found, or an average of nine calls per hour.

Thank you for your service!

Elk Horn Fire Department



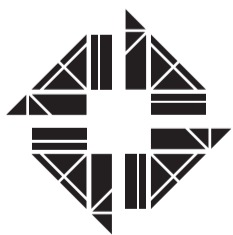
Elk Horn --

Front: Jarred Johnson, Scott Rasmussen and Jerry Hoffman.

Back: Cody Griffin, Kendal Petersen, Lane Ring, Noah Petersen, Nick Fredericksen, Andy Ring, Marie Nelson, Jeff Nelson and Adam McCall.



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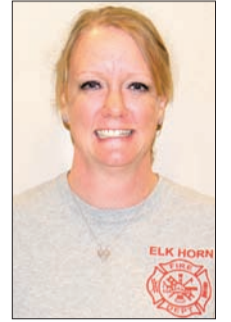
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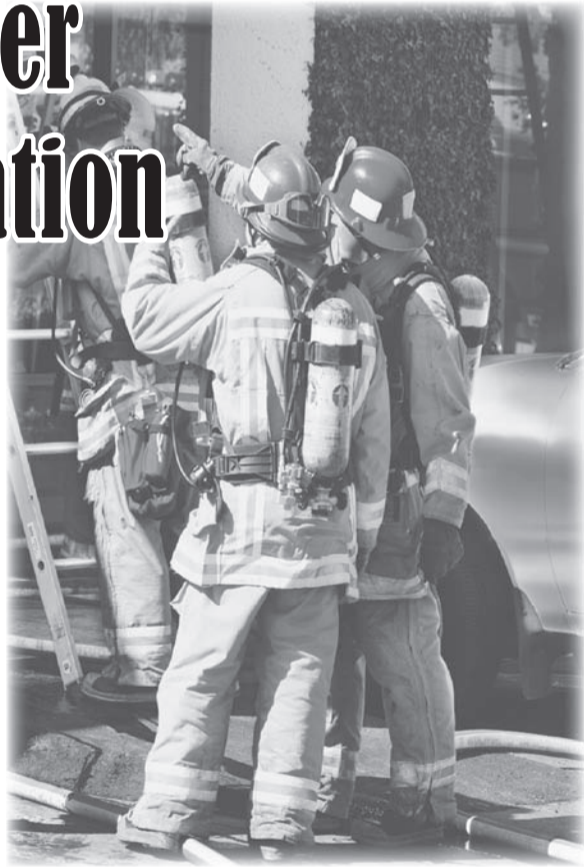
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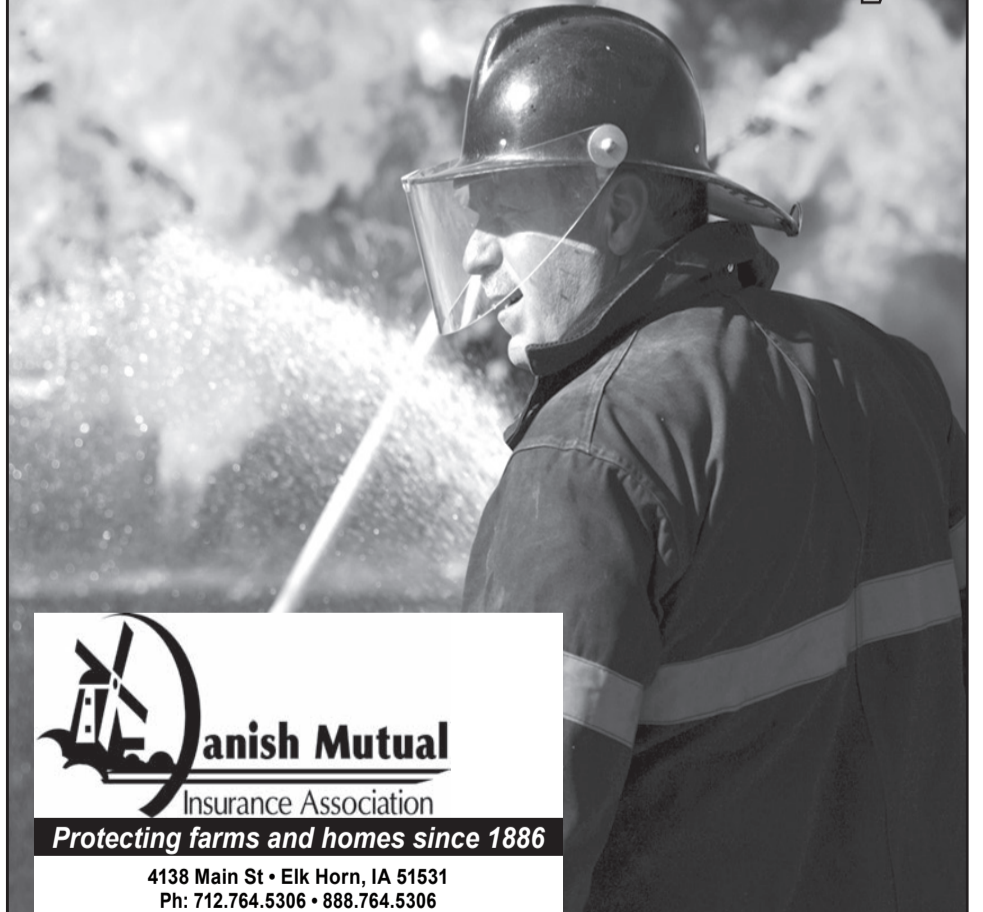
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Back: Lyle Campbell, Lynn Gaskill, Eric Fara, Jarad Gaskill, FD Asst. Chief, Greg Gaskill and Mike Holloway.

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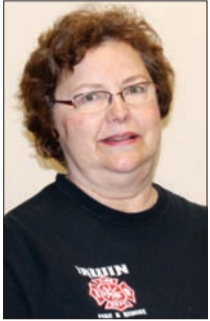
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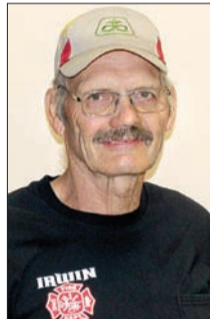
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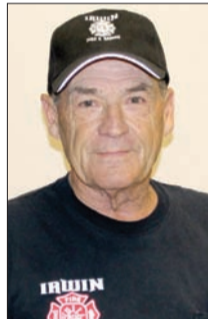
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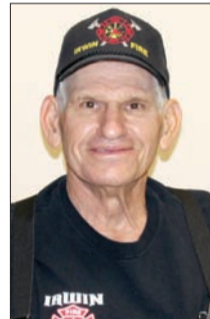
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Middle: Tom Schwery, Larry Klein and Marty Schwery.

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Back: Todd Rivera, Travis Eckles, Ron Kroll, Rick Kiesel and Karen Schlueter.

Not pictured: Brian Baxter, Patrick Serrano, Matt Seville, John Frazier, Diane Baxter, and Joselyn Baxter.



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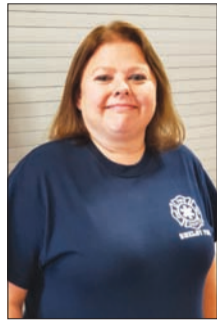
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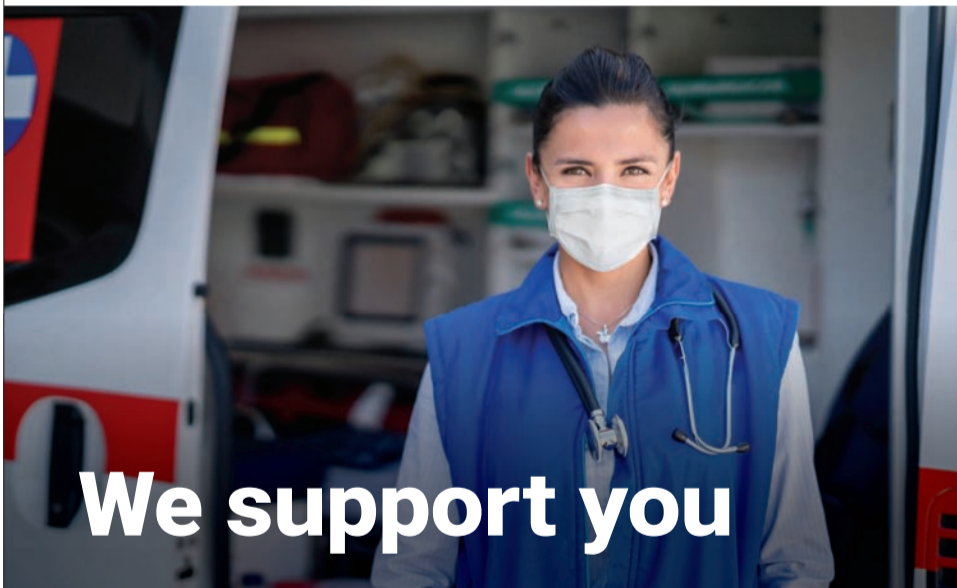
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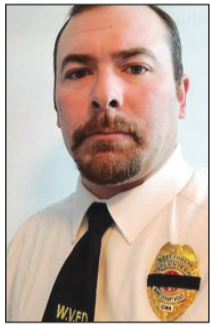
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Highlights



Firefighters hold practice burn on Portsmouth home

PORTSMOUTH -- Firefighters from the Portsmouth and Persia Fire Departments held a practice burn on a Portsmouth residence Saturday, Jan. 9. The home had been abandoned and reclaimed by the city. Here, firefighters keep the blaze under control. (Photo contributed)

TRAINING BURN



Firefighter of the Year

Justin Schechinger

HARLAN -- Justin Schechinger has been honored as the 2021 Firefighter of the Year by the Harlan Fire Department. He was presented the award during the department's meeting on Monday, Feb. 15.

Schechinger joined the fire department in 2013 and since then has worked diligently at achieving certifications including Firefighter 1 and HazMat Technician in 2014, Firefighter 2 in 2015, and Instructor 1 in 2018.

He was promoted to lieutenant in charge of equipment in 2020.

"Justin comes to work hard to monitor equipment and make the necessary repairs to keep everything working properly," said Harlan Fire Chief Roger Bissen. "He also assists our training officer to train our firefighters in all aspects of our operations."

Schechinger works at Titan Machinery in Avoca, and lives in Harlan with his wife, Carley, and son, Luke. (Photo by Bob Bjoin)



TENNANT -- Firefighters from the Harlan Fire Department and Shelby Fire and Rescue participated in a training burn Saturday, Feb. 27 in Tennant. New firefighters got the chance to see what it's like to battle a fire from inside the structure as well as from the outside.

At top, firefighters keep the blaze at bay, while at left a firefighter breaks the window. Directly above, Harlan's Chad Butler talks with firefighters about what to expect once the fire gets going.

The building was donated for fire training. (Photos by Bob Bjoin)