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## NEWS ADVISORY

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### **LIFESAVING MESSAGE: CHANGE CLOCK, CHANGE SMOKE DETECTOR BATTERIES THIS SUNDAY**

*Add Batteries to Your Shopping List This Week*

- WHO:** State Fire Marshal Larry Flowers  
Truro Township (Franklin County) Fire Chief  
Truro Township Firefighters
- WHEN:** Friday, March 8, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.
- WHERE:** 1962 Haverton Drive, Reynoldsburg, OH
- WHAT:** News Conference  
**Great Visuals:** Firefighters install and test smoke detectors in local home.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

This is the 40th anniversary of the landmark *America Burning* report which set the standard for smoke alarms in every home. Since then, the number of fire deaths has dropped dramatically, both here in Ohio and nationally. Still, when fire leads to death, too often there is no evidence of a working smoke detector in the home.

State Fire Marshal Larry Flowers will share lifesaving information about what Ohioans should be doing this weekend to be prepared and able to get out alive in the event of a fire.

The Ohio Department of Insurance will provide consumer information about how to save money and protect belongings in the event of a home fire.

Latest fire statistics will be available.

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