

Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Services

(MCFRS)

Community Risk Reduction

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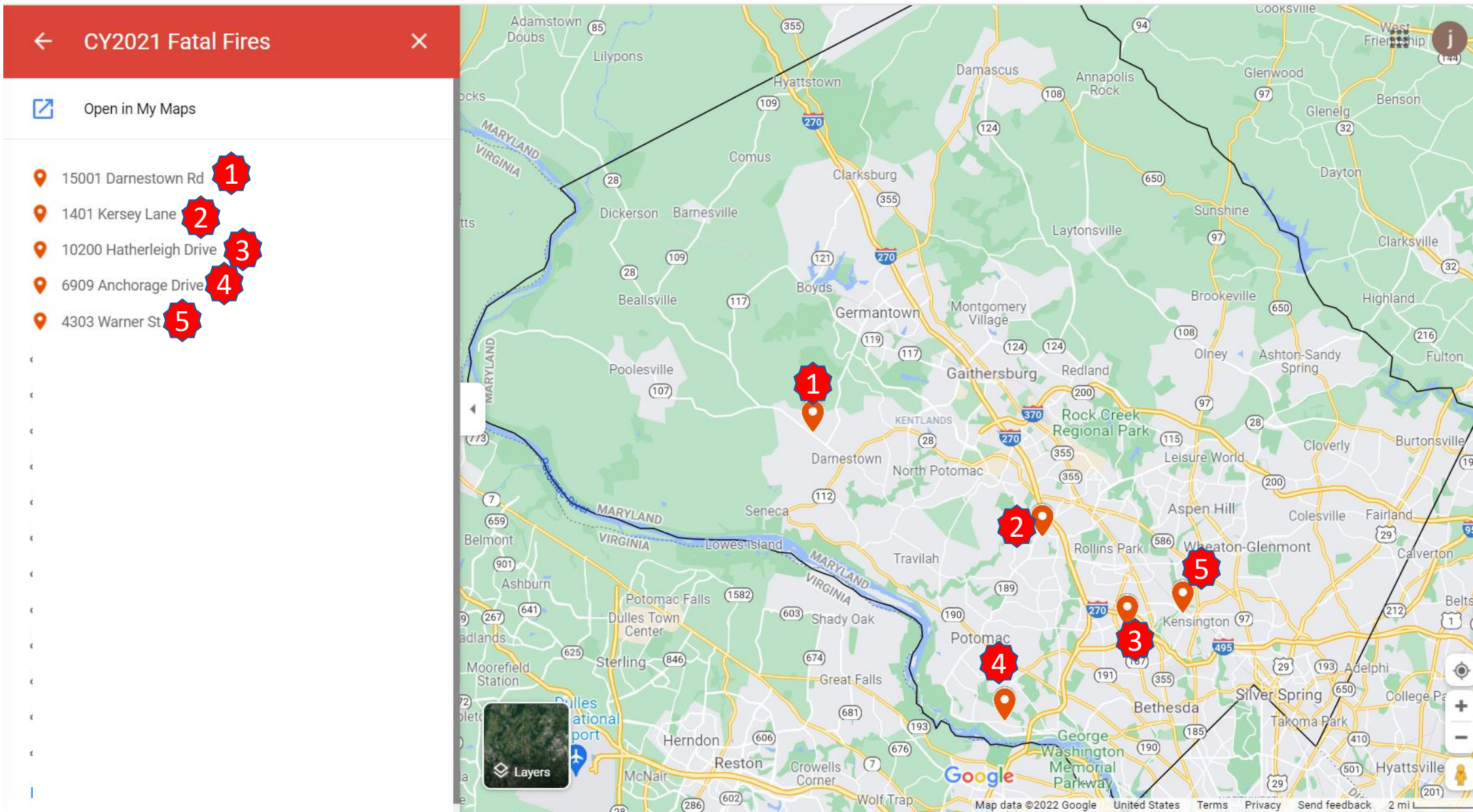
Presentation to Age Friendly

Montgomery Advisory Group Meeting

January 20, 2022



Fire Problem for Older Adults = BIG PROBLEM



2/21/2021

Darnestown Road, Darnestown



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12/6/2021

Anchorage Drive, Cabin John



12/19/2021
Warner Street,
Kensington

CY2021: Montgomery County Experienced 5 Residential Fire Deaths

- All of these victims were 66 years old or older
 - 72 75 72 86 66
- All of them lived in the following homes
 - Single-family, detached homes
 - Built during or before 1964 (1964, 1956, 1948, 1945, 1942)
 - Two were rental homes
- In 3 of the 3 homes, there were no working smoke alarms
- Human Behaviors played significant roles in all of these fires
- Electrical Issues have been identified in all of these fires

What Do They Have In Common

- Older Adults
- Mobility Issues
- Cognitive Issues
- Electrical Issues
- No Working Smoke Alarms

Other Fire Issues

- Unattended Cooking
- Unattended Candles (overall use of candles!)
- Improperly Discarded Smoking Materials
- Improper Heating/Use of Alternative Heating Sources
- Electrical Issues

If you see something, say something and do something, please!

Community Risk Reduction

- Free Home Safety Checks
- Nonjudgemental
- Key: Stay Safe Where You Are

- Call 311
- Go to mcfrrs.org/mcsafe

Vaccine and Priority Group Information

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MCFRS Public Education - Safety in Our Neighborhood

- General Public
- Seniors and/or Disabled
- Parents and Caregivers
- Educators

Featured Safety Programs

- Smoke Alarm Requirements
- Car Seat Program Information
- Request a Home Safety Check

Our virtual classroom is open! Get Connected. Click Here! mcfrrs.org/mcsafe

I SHOULD PROBABLY CHECK MY SMOKE ALARM.
Smoke alarms need to be replaced on a regular basis. Montgomery County, Maryland, Fire & Rescue Service has important information you need to know:
1. Upgrade your smoke alarm. The majority of the population of Montgomery County, Maryland, still has smoke alarms that are 10 years old or older. Upgrade your smoke alarm to a new model. A new model will have more features and be more reliable.
2. Smoke alarm placement. Place smoke alarms in the bedrooms and living areas of your home. Place a smoke alarm on every level of your home, including the basement. Place a smoke alarm outside of each sleeping area.
3. Smoke alarm maintenance. Test your smoke alarm monthly. Use a vacuum cleaner to clean your smoke alarm. If a smoke alarm is not working, replace it with a new one. Only use smoke alarms that are listed by the manufacturer.

Click here for more information

FILE OF LIFE
Prior medical conditions? Allergies? Medications? The FILE OF LIFE packet puts these answers in the hands of first responders so they can provide the best possible care and your information can be shared with emergency room physicians - just in case you are unable.
Make your own in 3 easy steps:
1. Click & print out the insert
2. Fill it in with your info
3. Grab a Ziploc baggie & place on fridge
Click here for information

Smoke Alarm Info

- Code Requirements | (Español)
- FAQ's: Smoke Alarm Law | (Español)
- Five Things to Know | (Español)
- Legislative Information
- Press Release - Changes to MD's Law

Carbon Monoxide Info

Resources

- Can We Find You in An Emergency?
- Clothes Dryer Fire Safety Tips
- Electrical Safety
- High-rise Buildings Safety
- Holiday Safety | (Español)
- Safety First Checklist
- Seniors: What You Should Know

Tip Sheets

- Carbon Monoxide Safety | (Español)
- Christmas Tree Safety | (Español)
- Cooking Safety | (Español)
- Cool Your Ashes | (Español)
- Dryer Safety | (Español)
- Electrical Safety | (Español)
- Escape Planning | (Español)



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General Public



Seniors and/or Disabled



Parents and Caregivers



Educators

Smoke Alarm Installation and Home Safety Program

Your safety is our top priority. We continue to follow federal, state and local guidance to reduce the possible spread of COVID-19. While the pandemic has changed how we deliver some programs, our team is available to assist you. If you are concerned that your home may be at risk of fire or loss of life, please contact us for help, please use this form to request assistance from our team of experts.

- If you have an urgent or immediate need related to your smoke alarm, please call 301-771-7273.
- We continue to provide assistance, consultation by phone.

For information click [Here](#)



Smoke Alarm Installation Program

Having working smoke alarms properly installed in your home can dramatically increase the chances of surviving a fire. The Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service (MCFRS) offers free home safety checks to residents of Montgomery County, Maryland.

[+ How Do I Know What Type of Smoke Alarm I Need?](#)

PLEASE READ BEFORE CONTINUING

The Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service cannot assist in changing or installing hardwired smoke alarms. It is recommended that you contact a licensed electrician or certified technician to address any hard-wired smoke alarm needs.

The goal of the program is to educate residents about fire safety, check smoke alarms to ensure they are up-to-date and working. For those in need who cannot afford smoke alarms or need assistance installing battery-powered smoke alarms (where permitted by Code), the department has a limited supply of battery-powered smoke alarms reserved. Requests are considered on a case-by-case basis.

If you rent your home, please review your renter's agreement to determine the responsibility for providing and maintaining working smoke alarms in your residence. There are State requirements that address the legal requirements in rental units.

Due to a high volume of requests, please allow 5 business days for a department representative to respond to your request.

Acknowledge

Are you the resident?

Yes No

First Name *

Last Name *

Address *

Apt or Unit#

City *

Zipcode *

Email

How did you hear about this program? *

Maximum of 255 characters. Currently Used: 0 characters.

Own or Rent? *

Own Rent

Year Residence was Constructed

Phone Number *

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We Are Here for Your Clients and For You

- Call 311 or go to mc311.com
- Jim Resnick
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- 240-777-2430