



City of Cottonwood Fire Department



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Cottonwood Fire Department Smoke Detector Program

With the help of some local businesses, Ace Hardware and Home Depot, who made donations and/or discounted prices, the Cottonwood Fire Department was able to obtain over 100 smoke detectors and batteries. Our goal for this program is to find areas of the city having the greatest need for initial smoke detector installation. The first area selected was the neighborhood east of 10th Street and north of Mingus Avenue to Main Street. On Tuesday July 10th, Engineer Cameron Atkinson and Fire Inspector Bill Matson worked with the on-duty fire department crews and the young people in our Fire Explorers program to target this area with flyers. The group of 15 personnel was divided into smaller groups of 2 to 4 who walked the area going door to door with bi-lingual fliers explaining the program. We were able to visit over 200 homes. We are currently scheduled to go back on Tuesday July 17th to install smoke detectors in the homes of those that who indicated they need smoke detectors installed. We are hoping to install over 100 smoke detectors in 30 to 40 homes that do not currently have working smoke detectors. The smoke detectors and installation are 100% free to the citizens needing them. We are also asking those requesting smoke detector installation to allow us to perform a basic fire safety check in their home to detect items that could be a potential fire or safety hazard. We hope to continue this in other neighborhoods around the city as funds and/or donations allow us to obtain additional smoke detectors.

For further information concerning this program please contact the Cottonwood Fire Department at 928-634-2741.