



EAST HERKIMER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT #1, INC.

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SERVING OUR COMMUNITY SINCE 1931

Dear Town of Herkimer Resident,

Most people do not realize that fire claims close to 4,000 lives a year across the United States. More than 75% of these fire deaths occur in the homes where we live. Recent studies indicate that smoke alarms are present in 46% of all homes. However, 65% of fire deaths have occurred in homes with no smoke alarms or ones which did not to operate.

With that being said, the East Herkimer Volunteer Fire Department is launching a new program to assist residents in verifying that they are properly protected with working smoke alarms so that they can escape in the event of a fire. The smoke detector installation program is focused around residents of the town in financial need or who are over the age of 65. If you qualify for the program, members of the department will schedule a time that is convenient to come to your home to conduct a survey of your existing smoke alarms and assist you with replacing batteries, testing alarms, and replacing smoke alarms that are out of date by installing new ones. Members will also offer fire safety literature including information on home escape drills. All portions of this program including new smoke alarms, if needed, are FREE OF CHARGE. This program is being funded by donations from our Ladies Auxiliary as well as memorial donations.

If you are interested in this program, please fill out the attached application and mail it to the address listed. Once your application is received, it will be reviewed to verify financial need or age of homeowner requirements. *Please send in an application even if you think that you might not meet the need criteria. We will be glad to assist all citizens of the town with friendly advice regarding smoke alarms or other fire safety concerns.*

Thank you for your time in this important matter. Please be sure to push the test button on your smoke alarms at least once a month and change batteries twice a year when you change the time on your clocks.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Keller, Fire Chief

Daniel Wellington, President

EAST HERKIMER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
SMOKE DETECTOR PROGRAM

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS

For and in consideration of my/our participation in the East Herkimer Volunteer Fire Department Smoke Detector Program, I/we agree to release the East Herkimer Volunteer Fire Department, its agents and employees, and its Board of Fire Commissioners, from all claims, demands, suites, and causes of action, of every nature whatsoever, on account of damage or loss to property, including both real and personal bodily injuries, or death, resulting from the installation, failure to operate or faulty operation of the smoke detector installed at my/our request by the East Herkimer Volunteer Fire Department.

It is further understood and agreed that the East Herkimer Volunteer Fire Department is not the insurer of the safety of those who would occupy the dwelling in which the detector is installed against the hazards of fire. While the smoke detector device is designed to warn of fires, the East Herkimer Volunteer Fire Department makes no guarantee or warranty of any kind, including no implied warranty of merchantability or fitness, or that the fire detection system supplied will avert or prevent fires, or that the detector will timely warn of fires and related occurrences. Any such warranties, if in existence, are given by the manufacturer of the detector, and I/we agree, that any claims or suits for failure to operate or faulty operation of the detector will be solely against the manufacturer. Additionally, I/we understand that it is my/our obligation to purchase batteries to operate the smoke detector as needed and to maintain the detector after installation.

By signing this full release, I/we hereby consent to the entry of the East Herkimer Volunteer Fire Department employees into my/our dwelling, at a mutually agreed time, for the sole purpose of installing the smoke detection device and providing a courtesy safety inspection. The undersigned further acknowledges that the East Herkimer Volunteer Fire Department and its agents or employees, expressly disclaim any liability for damage resulting from the installation of this smoke detection device, and I/we hereby release the East Herkimer Volunteer Fire Department and its agents and employees from any and all claims and/or damages resulting therefrom. I/we further agree not to remove this device at any time without the expressed written consent of the East Herkimer Volunteer Fire Department.

My/our signature(s) appearing below indicate that I/we have understood the above and intend to be legally bound.

OWNER/OCCUPANT _____ DATE: _____

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STREET ADDRESS _____

Please read and complete BOTH SIDES of this application. Both sides MUST be completed and signed before approval and installation.

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____ HERKIMER, NY 13350
TELEPHONE # _____

AGE OF HOMEOWNER: _____ MALE FEMALE

ANNUAL TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME: _____

NUMBER OF STORIES IN YOUR HOME: _____ BASEMENT? YES NO
WHERE DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE PROGRAM?

The East Herkimer Volunteer Fire Department will contact you upon acceptance of this application to arrange a date and time for installation. Your flexibility will be appreciated.

SIGNATURE _____

PRINT NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

HERKIMER, NY 13350

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION AND WAIVER TO:

East Herkimer Volunteer Fire Department

P.O. Box 95

Herkimer, NY 13350

ATTENTION: SMOKE DETECTOR PROGRAM

*******(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)*******

Approved By: _____

Installed By: _____

How many detectors were installed? _____ Safety Materials Handed Out? _____ Date _____