



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **80-PERCENT OF CALIFORNIANS NOT AWARE OF NEW STATE CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM LAW**

**SACRAMENTO FIRE DEPARTMENT PARTNERS WITH FIRST ALERT TO HELP THOSE IN NEED COMPLY  
ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2011 @ 11:00 A.M.**

#### **Donation of 300 CO Alarms Targeting Sacramento Families**

- WHO:** City of Sacramento, Councilmember Jay Schenirer  
Fire Chief Ray Jones, Sacramento Fire Department  
CA State Fire Marshal Tonya Hoover  
Assistant Fire Chief Niko King, Sacramento Fire Department  
Captain Jonathan Burgess, Sacramento Fire Department  
Elizabeth Bryan, CO survivor and co-author of *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Count Your Blessings*  
Area VIPs and firefighters
- WHAT:** The majority of Sacramento area families, like many Californians, are not in compliance with a new law requiring CO alarms in homes, according to a recent survey. The Sacramento Fire Department is partnering with First Alert to get alarms into the homes of Sacramento area families in need. First Alert has donated 300 carbon monoxide alarms for this effort.
- Press conference to be held at an area home with fuel burning appliances**
- WHEN:** August 4, 2011 @ 11:00 a.m.
- WHERE:** Area resident's home:  
4952 Helen Way  
Sacramento CA 95822
- DETAILS:** California is resolving to be safer in 2011 thanks to a new law requiring CO alarms, set to take effect throughout California in July, 2011, aimed at preventing tragedies. Signed by former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2010, the Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act requires that CO alarm devices be installed in all California's existing single-family homes by July 1, 2011. Newly-constructed homes were required to have the alarms starting Jan. 1, 2011.

California's new law applies to residences that contain carbon monoxide sources or are situated within structures that contain one or more sources of this poisonous gas. CO sources may include, but are not limited to, heaters, fireplaces, furnaces, appliances or cooking sources using coal, wood, petroleum products, or other fuels emitting CO as a by-product of combustion. Attached

garages with doors, ductwork or ventilation shafts connected to a living space also are sources of CO.

**VISUALS:** Home with fuel burning appliances; locations where alarms should be placed in a home; donated CO alarms.

**OTHER:** More information on the Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act (Senate Bill 183) can be found on the California State Legislature website [here](#).

**NOTE:** It is important for residents to understand that CO alarms do NOT replace smoke alarms. Both smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are required.

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