

## D'IBERVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT SAFETY TIPS

### Subject: SMOKE DETECTORS

Smoke is responsible for three out of four fire related deaths.

- Install smoke detectors on every level of your home and outside sleeping areas.
- Test every detector at least once a month.
- Keep smoke detectors dust free. Replace batteries with new ones at least once a year, or sooner if the detector makes a chirping sound.
- If you have a smoke detector directly wired into your electrical system, be sure that the little signal light is blinking periodically. This tells you the alarm is active.
- Change the battery in your smoke detectors every six months. Daylight savings time is a good time to change the batteries, set your clocks, change your batteries.
- It is recommended that you replace your smoke detectors every ten years.
- Inexpensive smoke detectors are available for the hearing impaired.

