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News Release

*For Immediate Release*

### **Fire Department to receive six hearing impaired smoke alarms**

The Springfield Fire Department will soon be able to install six hearing impaired smoke alarms in area homes, thanks to the Code 3 Sertoma Club and Champion Safety. The Springfield Fire Department will receive 3 alarms from Code 3 Sertoma through a Community Foundation of the Ozarks grant. The alarms will be matched with 3 more alarms provided by the vendor, Champion Safety. The hearing impaired smoke alarms are louder than traditional smoke alarms and have a strobe light to help alert hearing impaired residents.

The alarms will be given to Springfield Fire Chief David Hall at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 31st. The presentation will take place at Fire Department Headquarters located in Old City Hall at 830 Boonville Ave. Media are welcome to attend.

As a reminder, the Springfield Fire Department still has around 50 hearing impaired smoke alarms available for eligible residents. The Department received 100 alarms through a federal grant last year.

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