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SAFETY ADVISORY

CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS, CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES

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Clarington/October 23, 2009 – On Sunday November 1st, we officially “fall” back one hour and revert to Eastern Standard Time. When you change your clock, change the batteries in your smoke alarms, whether they are battery-operated or hard-wired with a battery back-up.

Be sure to test your smoke alarms and make sure they sound. This is also a good time to clean your smoke alarms using the soft brush attachment on your vacuum. Gently clean around the outside of the alarms. Follow the

instructions in the owner’s manual.

If your smoke alarms are older than ten years, they should be replaced. Smoke alarms do wear out! If you have interconnected smoke alarms (if one sounds they all sound), make sure all the alarms are compatible. If they are not compatible, you may get false alarms or the smoke alarms may not operate properly.

“It’s the law in Ontario to have working smoke alarms on every storey and outside all sleeping areas,” says Fire Chief Gord Weir. People must have working smoke alarms to receive the early warning needed to escape a fire.” Failure to comply with the Fire Code smoke alarm requirements can result in a ticket for \$235 or a fine of up to \$100,000.

“I don’t want anyone in Clarington to have to cope with a fire tragedy,” stated Chief Weir. “People need to protect their families and homes.”

For more information on preventing home fires and other fire safety issues, contact Clarington Emergency and Fire Services, Fire Prevention Division, 905-623-5126.

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