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**City of Duluth Fire Department**

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**DATE: 11/02/2011**  
**NATURE OF INCIDENT: Fire safety**  
**CASE NO.:**  
**INCIDENT DATE :11/06/2011**  
**INCIDENT TIME:**  
**INCIDENT LOCATION:**  
**SUBJECT: change your clocks change your batteries**  
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The Duluth Fire, Energizer and the International Association of Fire Chiefs would like to remind you that November 6, Change your Clocks Change your battery.

Daylight savings ends Sunday, November 6th, which reminds us to change and test the batteries in our smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. One easy step can save lives. Everyone is encouraged to take that extra hour they “gain” from daylight savings time to change their batteries in their own smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detectors, test alarms and remind family and friends to do the same.

Non-working smoke alarms rob residents of the protective benefits home fire safety devices are designed to provide. Eighty percent of child fire fatalities occur in homes without working smoke alarms.

Starting Thursday, November 3, 2011 the Duluth Fire Department will give out batteries for smoke alarms until supplies last, from a donation from Energizer. To get a free battery people need to come to the Duluth Fire Prevention and Life Safety office at 615 W 1<sup>st</sup> Street Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fire department will also install a new 10 year lithium battery smoke alarm in the City of Duluth. To receive one residents may call 723-3215.

The peak time for fire fatalities is between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when most families are asleep. A working smoke alarm can give you the extra seconds that you would need to escape!