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***BOROUGH OF PROSPECT PARK UNITES WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO
DISTRIBUTE FREE SMOKE ALARMS TO RESIDENTS***

(PROSPECT PARK, NJ) - **Mayor Mohamed T. Khairullah, the Municipal Council**, Prospect Park Office of Emergency Management (OEM), Prospect Park Police Department, Prospect Park Volunteer Fire Department, and Fire Prevention Bureau of Borough of Prospect Park is pleased to announce that in collaboration with community partners American Red Cross, Prospect Park School District, and the Teachers Association of Prospect Park (TAPP), smoke alarms/detectors donations have been secured to distribute to households and residents in Prospect Park only.

Nationwide, annual estimates indicate that up to 75 percent of residential fire fatalities occur in homes without working smoke detectors. That percentage can be greatly reduced because smoke alarms are easy to install, maintain, and can mean the difference between life and death. Each smoke detector/alarm distributed will have a 10-year life battery. Be advised, the municipality is not responsible for installation of these smoke detectors.

It is first come, first serve as inventory for distribution is LIMITED. Each family / household will receive up to one (1) smoke alarm/detector along with helpful educational literature regarding the installation and importance of a smoke alarm. Distributions of the smoke detectors will take place via delivery by our OEM team or pick-up at Police Headquarters. To receive a fire alarm, residents must fill out the form: <https://www.tinyurl.com/ppsmokealarms>. The form should not be responded to more than once.

If the delivery option is selected, a member of our OEM team or municipal staff will contact the resident to arrange the delivery time. Pickup option will be available Monday through Friday between the hours of 9AM - 4PM located at the Prospect Park Police Department Headquarters (located at side entrance of Borough Hall). At the time of receipt of the fire alarm, a form must be signed acknowledging receipt of the smoke detectors as per American Red Cross regulations. For more information, please feel free to reach out to (973) 790-7902 ext. 515 or e-mail prospectparkoem@prospectpark.net.

“Smoke alarms saves lives,” Mayor Mohamed Khairullah stated. “We are happy to have partnered up with Prospect Park School District, the local Teachers’ union, the American Red Cross, Prospect Park Police, Fire Prevention Bureau / Volunteer Fire Department, and OEM to bring smoke alarms to our residents. This is what true community efforts look like when you have partners who wants what is best for our residents,” Mayor Khairullah added.

“As Superintendent of the Prospect Park School District, my first priority is the safety and well-being of our staff and students,” Acting Superintendent of Prospect Park School District Dr. Tyeshia Reels stated. “When the Co-President of the teacher’s union alerted me of the many beeps she heard during remote instruction, we immediately thought about the recent fires in neighboring towns and knew that something had to be done. She shared her idea of sponsoring an effort to get smoke alarms into the homes of our students and I knew just who to call. It was a no-brainer for me to reach out to the



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municipality to see how we could partner together in this effort...I mean, the fire department is right across the street. One of my favorite phrases is ‘Teamwork makes the dream work’ and this is an amazing team effort with the American Red Cross in collaboration with the Borough of Prospect Park,” Superintendent Dr. Reels added.

"The Teachers' Association of Prospect Park is proud to be working with the Borough of Prospect Park and in collaboration with the American Red Cross to help distribute smoke detectors to our school community. We are always ready, willing, and able to do anything we can to help promote the health, safety and well-being of our community," said TAPP President Mrs. Beth Solloway. "In light of recent multiple fires in a neighboring town, now seems like the perfect time to do our part to help reduce the risk of a home related fire. Caring for our students and families does not begin and end at the school doors. It extends into all facets of their lives," Mrs. Solloway.

All media inquiries should be directed to Intashan Chowdhury, Borough Administrator at 973-790-7902 x 532.

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We roll up our sleeves and donate time, money and blood. We learn or teach life-saving skills so our communities can be better prepared when the need arises. We do this every day because the Red Cross is needed - every day.

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