



ENDWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT

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BROOME COUNTY RECEIVES GRANT TO GIVE OUT SMOKE ALARMS

Endwell Fire Department participating in smoke alarm program

Broome County is one of 12 counties in New York State with the highest risk for residential fires. As a result Broome County will receive free smoke alarms through a grant provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to the NYS Health Department. About 70% of residential fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

The Endwell Fire Department will participate in the smoke alarm giveaway along with the following fire departments: Johnson City, Deposit, West Colesville, Conklin, Five Mile Point, Union Center, Port Crane, Windsor, Chenango Forks, Sanitaria Springs and Triangle. The Endicott Fire Department received a separate grant and has already installed more than 1,000 smoke alarms.

The smoke alarms that will be given out have a 10-year lithium battery and some have blinking alerts for those with hearing impairments. The target population for the smoke alarms is households with people over 65 and children under 14, with lower income preferred but not necessary. The county will receive an initial allocation of 850 smoke alarms and may be able to obtain more, if needed.

Firefighters will conduct home visits to install the alarms and to provide some fire safety information.

To apply for the smoke alarms contact Brett Chellis, Broome County Director of Emergency Services at 778-2170 and request an application.