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**Firefighters Will Be Promoting Fire Safety and Installing Smoke Alarms
This Saturday in Old Town Bowie**

Smoke detectors save lives, but they must be installed properly and have good working batteries. This Saturday, October 24th, thanks to a special partnership between the Bowie Volunteer Fire Department, the Prince George's County Fire Department and Lowes of Bowie, some residents of Old Town Bowie will have the opportunity to make sure that smoke alarms will help to protect them in the event of a fire in their home.

Between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. firefighters from Bowie Stations 19 and 39 will be knocking on doors in Old Town Bowie in the vicinity of Maple Avenue and Old Laurel Bowie Road between 6th and 9th Streets to promote fire prevention and help residents with their smoke alarms. They will do the following at no cost to residents:

- Make sure alarms are properly installed and situated
- Test alarms
- Install a new smoke alarm if needed
- Answer questions about fire safety

Smoke alarms for this outreach event were generously donated by Lowes of Bowie. Lunch for the firefighters will be provided by TJ Elliott's.

Firefighters will gather at the Bowie Fire Department Station 19, located at 13008 9th Street in Old Bowie before and after this event.

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