

**PHILADELPHIA FIRE DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS**

November 21, 2012

GENERAL MEMORANDUM #12-141

TO: All Officers and Members

REF/AUTHORITY: Fire Prevention/Fire Commissioner

SUBJECT: **2011 FEMA GRANT-“SMOKE ALARM INSTALLATIONS FOR RESIDENCES IDENTIFIED AS HIGH RISK”- *THANK YOU***

On behalf of myself and the Executive team of the Philadelphia Fire Department (PFD), I would like to thank all the members of the PFD for their hard work and dedication in assisting the department in meeting the objectives outlined in the 2011 FEMA grant awarded to the PFD. One of the goals set forth for the grant was to install 20,000 smoke alarms. Two hundred of the 20,000 smoke alarms were adaptive smoke alarms for the hearing impaired. As a result of the department's hard work and dedication, the PFD not only met the goal but exceeded it. The PFD installed 21,307 smoke alarms, of which 210 were adaptive alarms.

Additionally, the Fire Prevention Division battalion representatives wish to express their appreciation for the unity of effort which made it possible for the fall fire prevention program to be a success. The 21,307 smoke alarms enabled the PFD to reduce the risk of numerous citizens that were identified as being at risk of having a fire. Accomplishing this goal prior to the expected drop in temperatures provides everyone that received a ten year lithium battery powered alarm with the opportunity to survive in the event that a fire occurs.

Furthermore, 8559 senior fire safety cubes were distributed. The continued delivery of the fire safety senior cube program for adults aged 50 and older, will assist the department in reducing the number of fire fatalities further. Continued community outreach efforts educated thousands of Philadelphians on the hazards of fire and the safety actions that can be applied to make this a safe city.

Again, I thank each and everyone for their perseverance and commitment to Saving Lives and Property.

**LLOYD AYERS
FIRE COMMISSIONER**