Fire officials offer free inspections

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OCONEE — Home fire inspections can improve the safety of residents in Oconee County, according to Westminster fire chief Chris Smith, and are now being offered for free by four municipal fire departments in Oconee County.

All residents need to do is schedule an appointment.

The four departments collaborating to offer residents free home inspections are the Salem, Seneca, Walhalla and Westminster fire departments.

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Salem: (864) 944-6060
Seneca: (864) 885-2738
Walhalla: (864) 638-4345
Westminster: (864) 647-3206

The free home inspections involve firefighters checking each residence for working smoke detectors, insuring fire escape plans with a family meeting in place, making sure addresses and home numbers are visible for emergency responders and that each home is accessible to fire department vehicles and firefighters.

"We will also take a look for any electrical hazards that may pose a danger," Smith said.

Each department representative conducting the free home inspections will answer any questions participants in the inspection have about fire safety in relation to their residence.

"We look forward to serving you — the citizens — and help making your home a safer place for you," Smith said.

To schedule an appointment, call your closest fire department.

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