



### FATAL HOME FIRES:

1. Often start during the early morning hours when everyone is asleep.
2. Frequently burn for a long time before being discovered.
3. Kill more people from smoke inhalation and carbon monoxide poisoning than from burns.

## Program Sponsors



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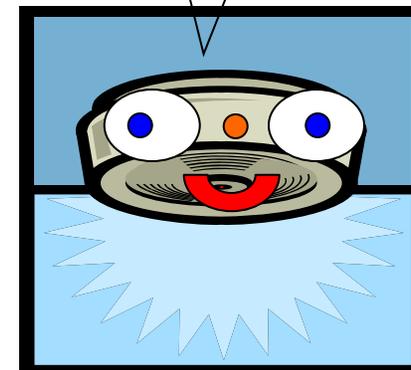


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## Simon The Talking Smoke Detector Program

Did You Know  
That I Can  
Talk and Help  
You Wake Up  
to Escape a  
Fire?



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## MAKING YOUR EMERGENCY A LITTLE EASIER FOR YOU!

Many children do not wake up in a fire emergency from the alarm sounds of a smoke detector. Precious time can be wasted and serious injury or even death can occur. Research shows that a child's brain responds better to a familiar sound or voice while a child is sleeping. There is a solution to this problem.



Now available to the public is Simon, a smoke detector which allows an adult to record their voice into the smoke detector. In an emergency, when the smoke detector alarm sounds, the adult's familiar voice is more likely to be heard by the child. The adult's personalized message provides instructions for children on what to do in a fire or smoke emergency.

With program sponsorship from the Yah Yah Girls, Inc. and The Charlotte County Fire/EMS Department, Simon the Talking Smoke Detector Program has become one of our newest public education/safety awareness programs.

The program is designed to help those special needs children in our community that may have difficulty in waking up in a fire or smoke emergency .

There are limited amount of talking smoke detectors and are available on a first come first serve basis until the detectors are depleted or continued funding is made available. Call the phone number shown below for further details and to obtain your own personal "Simon" the talking smoke detector.

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### Did You Know?

- Many children do not wake up in a fire emergency from the alarm sounds of a smoke detector.
- Research shows that a child's brain responds better to a familiar sound or voice while a child is sleeping.
- Smoke, not heat, is the leading cause of death in home fires.
- Smoke can engulf a home in under 10 minutes.
- From the time a fire breaks out, a person has less than 4 minutes to escape the disabling effects of smoke and poisonous gases.
- Over 94% of all homes in the U.S. have at least one smoke alarm. However, surveys show that 1/2 to 1/3 of them do not work because the battery is either dead or missing
- You have nearly a 50% better chance of surviving a fire in your home with working smoke alarms.
- Smoke alarms should be replaced every ten years.