

City of Willcox Newsletter JANUARY 2015

PREPARE YOUR FAMILY FOR 2015!

Glenn Childers, Director of Public Safety

January represents the start of a new year, and it's also a great time to make sure that you're ready for the rest of the year.

The Willcox Department of Public Safety recommends that homeowners change the batteries in their smoke detectors every January. It's easy to remember that when you change your calendar, you should also change the batteries in your smoke detector. How about the smoke detector itself? Smoke detectors are not designed to last forever, and they should be replaced every eight to ten years. If your smoke detectors were installed before 2006, they should be disposed of and replaced with new ones.

This is also a great time to inspect all of the fire extinguishers in your home. You should ensure that they have not expired, that they are still under the proper amount of pressure, and that they are in the right location for the type of fire that they can put out. Be sure to immediately replace any that are expired, that are not showing green on the gauge, or any that have been used. Ensure that everyone in the home knows where the extinguishers are and that they know when to use them.

Most of us have basic first aid kits in our homes or in our cars. Fortunately, they don't get used often, but this can also cause us to forget about them. Many items in first aid kits have expiration dates and are meant to be rotated out with new items over time. First aid kits in cars or RV's endure extreme temperature changes throughout the year, which can cause adhesives and packaging to fail. A little maintenance now can make a big difference if you ever need to provide first aid.

Have you taken time yet to record the serial numbers on the valuable items that you acquired during the holidays? If your new TV, gaming system, bicycle or computer was stolen tomorrow, would you be able to provide the police with their serial numbers? If you do not know the serial numbers of stolen items when police are taking the report, they cannot be entered into the nation-wide computer system, and even if they are recovered, the chances of you getting the items back are significantly reduced.

Are you aware that every dog living within the city limits must be registered with the Department of Public Safety each year? A Willcox city dog tag is only valid through the calendar year it was purchased, so if you have not registered your dogs with the City this month, your dogs are not valid for 2015. If the dog is not registered, and the owner is cited, the fine charged by the court is \$475.00. Please take a moment of your time to ensure that these few small details are taken care of in your household. A little bit of your time now can save you a lot of time, money and hassle down the road.

From the Office of the City Clerk...

Virginia A. Mefford, City Clerk

City Council Meetings

Regular Meeting

**Thursday
Feb 5, 2015**

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**Thursday
Feb 19, 2015**

6:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers
300 W. Rex Allen Drive