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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **FIRE SAFETY / FREEZING TEMPERATURES**

Protecting Your Family This Winter Season

The Regional Weather forecast for this area is calling for deep freezing temperatures over the next few days. The Stamford Fire Marshal's Office is asking the public to create a "Fire Safe Home" by following the safety checklist.

- Test Smoke Alarms in your home (detectors should be installed in each bedroom and outside your sleeping area)
- Test Carbon Monoxide Detectors in your home
- Do not leave space heaters unattended, plug them directly into an outlet and make sure to keep three feet of space between space heater and other objects
- Do not use candles in place of flashlights (never leave a candle burning unattended)
- Have chimney professionally cleaned and inspected
- Use only a covered metal container to dispose of cooled fire place ashes
- Always use a fire place guard/screen in Front of the fire place
- Check your clothes dryer exhaust vent for lint buildup
- Have a Fire Escape Plan in place and review with family members

After the snow storm, Stamford Fire Department asks that you clear the Fire Hydrant closest to your home. And, as soon as possible have the snow cleared from your sidewalk. The house number is very important and should be visible from the street. City Ordinance requires that house numbers be placed and visible from the street.

Chief Fire Marshal Charles Spaulding stated, "Well over half of deaths involving fire occur in homes without working smoke alarms. Therefore, it is important to check the detectors to make sure they are in working order. Fire Marshal Spaulding emphasized, It is also important to check on family, friends and neighbors who may need help during these freezing temperatures.

The City Fire Marshal's Office is available to address Fire Safety at 203-977-4651

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