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# KENNEWICK FIRE DEPARTMENT

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### MEDIA RELEASE

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[Kennewick, WA] On Saturday, December 10, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., the Kennewick Fire Department (KFD) will be collaborating with the American Red Cross, Kennewick Firefighters Local 1296, and other community partners for a “Sound the Alarm” Day of Action smoke alarm installation day at the Tri-Cities RV Park located at 7322 W. Bonnie Ave. in Kennewick.

This year, KFD has responded to three separate fire incidents at this location. Tragically, the fire that occurred on November 12, 2022 took the life of eight-year-old Naomi Quetzalli and resulted in extreme injuries to her older brother, 14-year-old Lotar Jaciel, who is still receiving treatment at Harborview Medical Center.

For the past three years, the KFD has partnered with the American Red Cross to conduct “Sound the Alarm” smoke alarm installation campaigns in at risk neighborhoods throughout the City of Kennewick. In 2021, Gesa Credit Union joined the effort by providing KFD with a \$5,000 donation to purchase smoke alarms and fire safety public education supplies that firefighter have been using to assist the community.

On May 16, 2022, the KFD, American Red Cross and numerous community volunteers rallied to conduct a “Sound the Alarm” campaign at the Sun City Mobile Home Park located at 5007 W. Clearwater Ave. in Kennewick. On that day, **176** smoke alarms were installed and **274** community members were served.

The American Red Cross reports that “Sound the Alarm” campaigns across the country have resulted in 1,200 lives saved nationwide; half of whom were children under the age of 18.

The KFD is looking forward to participating with the American Red Cross, Local 1296 and several others to conduct this important outreach effort as we demonstrate our commitment and focus on the community by living our mission: *“We partner with our community to proactively reduce risk and mitigate fire and life safety emergencies for those who live, work, and recreate in and around the City of Kennewick.”*

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