



## **State Law Requires Carbon Monoxide Detectors San Francisco Fire Department & SF Firefighters Union Local 798 Giving Carbon Monoxide Alarms to Seniors**

Among the new State laws having gone into effect on July 1, 2011, is one requiring homeowners to install carbon monoxide (CO) detectors in every California home. Previous laws only required newly-constructed homes to have CO alarms.

The new Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act (Senate Bill 183) requires owners of all existing single-family dwellings with an attached garage or a fossil fuel source to have installed CO alarm devices by July 1, 2011.

A recent survey shows that nearly 9 in 10 California households (89%) were not in compliance with the national recommendation, set by the National Fire Protection Association, for the number of carbon monoxide detectors in a home prior to July 1, 2011.

San Francisco Fire Department, along with San Francisco Firefighters Union Local 798, will be giving Carbon Monoxide Alarms to the Senior Citizens at the Dr. George W. Davis Senior Center, explain the new law, the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning and how the CO detectors work.

Elizabeth Bryan — co-author of *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Count Your Blessings* – and her family were nearly killed from accidental carbon monoxide poisoning in their home in the 1990's. Elizabeth has become an advocate for CO detectors and will be at the event to tell her story.

San Francisco Department of Building Inspection is the enforcement agency and will also be providing some helpful information.

**What:** New State Law Requiring Carbon Monoxide Detectors in Every California Home

**Where:** **Dr. George W. Davis Senior Center**  
1706 Yosemite Street  
San Francisco, CA 94124

**When:** **Thursday, July 7, 2011**  
**12 Noon**

**Who:** San Francisco Fire Chief Joanne Hayes-White  
San Francisco Fire Marshal Tom Harvey  
San Francisco Firefighters Union Local 798  
San Francisco Department of Building Inspection, Vivian Day  
Elizabeth Bryan – Carbon Monoxide poisoning victim

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