



# MESCAL-J6 FIRE DISTRICT

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To: District residents, partners and employees

From: Chief Ed Nied

Subject: Holiday Wishes and Safety

Hello! And Happy Holidays!

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of myself, our dedicated firefighters and my family to wish everyone the happiest of holiday seasons. As we make our way through this time of year, we can reflect on the many blessings we have or have received. I know I am thankful for you, this District, the employees and of course my family.

A couple of items now that we are entering into the colder months:

1. As you turn your heaters on, please make sure to have them checked by a professional to ensure carbon monoxide is not high. Please keep in mind that this applies to both gas and wood burning appliances. CO is colorless and odorless. That is what makes it so deadly.
2. Have a tested, working smoke detector AND carbon monoxide detector. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A WORKING SMOKE DETECTOR, EMAIL US AT: [info@mescalj6fd.com](mailto:info@mescalj6fd.com) and we will come place one for free. We have 30 right now, but in the Spring, we will be doing a "smoke detector walk", where we will be handing out up to 300-500, thanks to the Arizona Burn Foundation. There is no doubt that smoke detectors save lives. As a subcategory, if you have or are someone that is hard of hearing, please let us know as we will be able to get ahold of a few detectors that shake the bed to alert you of an issue. We do not currently have any CO detectors, but they are a relatively inexpensive way to protect yourself and those you love.
3. Another tool you can request is a residential lock box. This is a box that holds the key to your residence THAT ONLY THE FIRE DISTRICT KNOWS THE COMBO TO. This allows us to gain entry in the event you are trapped by fire, or you are incapacitated and cannot self-evacuate. This simple box can save a lot of damage and money, should we need to make emergency entrance to your dwelling. If you are interested in this, please email us at the above address and we will work on getting one for you.



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In closing, please accept my and my family's best wishes to you and yours. Your firefighters are here for you. We take our job very seriously and believe strongly in prevention. We will be strengthening this area of service to you in the future.

