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### **State Fire Marshal's Office Provides 500 Smoke Alarms in Prentiss County in Partnership with Vision 20/20**

**Jackson, MS** – In a continuing effort to help lower fire deaths in Prentiss County, at risk homes in that area will receive smoke alarms this week thanks to a partnership between the Mississippi State Fire Marshal's office and the Vision 20/20 project.

The Prentiss County fire services along with local volunteers will be distributing and installing 500 smoke alarms in homes starting on Saturday, October 29.

“We continue to get the message out that having working smoke alarms can cut your risk of dying in a fire by half,” said Commissioner of Insurance and State Fire Marshal Mike Chaney.

“The State Fire Marshal's Office strives to provide fire safety education to consumers and fights to reduce fire deaths in the state. We welcome this partnership with Vision 20/20 and thank them for providing these vital devices.”

Vision 20/20 is a national project that is dedicated to providing national strategies in fire prevention across the country.

The project is also part of a State Fire Marshal's Office program to assist the county fire service in developing a community risk reduction plan to reduce fire deaths in Prentiss County. The State Fire Marshal's Office has assisted in investigating fires that have resulted in 37 deaths so far in 2016.

For more information on fire safety education in Mississippi, visit the State Fire Marshal pages of the Mississippi Insurance Department website at [www.mid.ms.gov](http://www.mid.ms.gov) . You can also follow us on Twitter - @msfiresafe and on Facebook.