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**CITY OF COATESVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE  
FREE SMOKE DETECTORS TO CITY RESIDENTS**

The City of Coatesville Fire Department will issue and install free smoke detectors to City of Coatesville residents Saturday, January 17, 2009 at 12 PM. Smoke detectors save lives and money therefore a working smoke detector and knowledge of fire safety are extremely imperative. Fire Department personnel are proactively working to spread the word about fire safety. Free smoke detector distribution will begin in the 200 block of Madison Street before working their way west.

"Open flame, arson, and smoking account for three quarters of fatal residential fires and smoke alarms play a vital role in early detection of a fire. Smoke alarms give occupants a warning to escape from a potentially dangerous situation," said Kevin Johnson, City of Coatesville Fire Chief. "Our smoke detector program will help to increase fire safety awareness and prevent many serious incidents..

City of Coatesville residents can request free smoke detectors and installation by contacting Coatesville Fire Chief Kevin Johnson at 610-384-0300 X 3111.

**WHAT:** Free Smoke Detector Installation and Fire Safety

**WHEN:** 12 PM, Saturday, January 17, 2009

**WHERE:** Firefighters will begin going door to door on the 200 block of Madison Street in the City of Coatesville.

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