



*****MEDIA ADVISORY*****

Washington State Fire Protection Policy Board Joins With First Alert to Protect Residents From Carbon Monoxide in the Home

CO Alarm Donation Makes 500 Units Available to Residents in Need

WHO: First Alert and the Washington State Fire Protection Policy Board

T.J. Nedrow Chair of the FPPB, Mike Matlick SFM, First Alert, Chief Jim Schneider- Kent FD will provide information and answer questions.

WHAT: In an effort to help protect families and educate all Washington residents about the danger of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning, the Fire Protection Policy Board will make 500 CO alarms available to residents who cannot afford them. The tragic deaths of three siblings in Grant County in November served as a sad reminder that CO is an odorless, tasteless, invisible gas. Known as the silent killer, CO is the byproduct of the incomplete combustion of wood, coal, charcoal, gasoline, kerosene, natural gas or oil. Carbon monoxide can come from any malfunctioning, fossil fuel-burning appliance, such as a furnace, water heater, gas oven or range, blocked flue or vent or a car left running in an attached garage.

As part of the effort to prevent further deaths and injuries, First Alert® is providing 500 CO alarms to the Fire Protection Policy Board. The alarms will be distributed by the Office of the State Fire Marshal to the nine Life Safety Councils, which are comprised of fire departments within statewide designated regions that provide residents with fire and life safety prevention programs. Two hundred CO alarms were also donated to the Royal City District 10 Fire Department in early December to help protect Grant County residents.

WHEN: *February 8, 2008 Time: 10:00am RSVP: Anjela Foster (360)753-0493*

WHERE: *Kent Fire Department
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WHY: Carbon monoxide is the leading cause of accidental poisoning in the country, according to the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. Deaths and injuries from accidental CO poisoning can be prevented with the help of CO alarms.

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