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Playstation dream leads to fire safety

Fire safety in local neighborhood.

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USPA NEWS - A local youth used his saving after learning a recent family could have survived a fire, if smoke alarms had been in the home. Hector, a 9-year-old from Grand Prairie, Texas, used the $305.00 he had been saving to purchase a Playstation and instead bought his neighbors smoker detectors.

A local youth used his saving after learning a recent family could have survived a fire, if smoke alarms had been in the home. Hector, a 9-year-old from Grand Prairie, Texas, used the $305.00 he had been saving to purchase a Playstation and instead redirected his saving to purchase 100 smoke detectors for neighbors and other within his community.

Having teamed up with the local fire department, Hector and the firefighters went house to house to install the purchased smoke detectors. Coming to light was the fact many of these homes did not have smoke detectors, or the minimum, working smoking detectors, as required by law.

After learning about the sacrifice Hector was making for the safety of his neighbors a local brother and sister went out of their way to donate a Playstation system to Hector, in addition to $150.00 towards the purchase of additional smoke detectors. The brother, Ashton Harder, 20, and sister, Peyton, 14, of near by Allen, Texas, had wished to remain anonymous, however, were invited by the local news agency to present it in person.

Firefighters recommend that you should have at least one working smoke alarm, placed on the upper wall or ceiling, outside each room in the house. In addition, carbon monoxide detectors should be placed about 2-3 feet from the floor near attached garages or in rooms where gas could leak.

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