

GUEST COLUMN

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From: Mayor James E. "Jamie" Mayo

Local Family Credits FREE Smoke Alarms from Monroe Fire Department for Saving their Lives during Recent Home Fire

The Monroe City Council and I are pleased to share that on June 9th Monroe Fire Chief Terry Williams met with Monroe residents and recent fire survivors Fannie & Wilbert Williams at their home located at 330 Nevada Drive in Monroe, LA. Chief Williams and the couple invited the media in order for the public to be able to hear this couple talk about the importance of having working smoke alarms in your home.

Fire Chief Terry Williams comments, "Just a few days ago, shortly after midnight, a fire broke out at the Nevada drive home of Mr. and Mrs. Williams while they were asleep. Thankfully, they were awakened by smoke alarms that were installed by the Monroe Fire Department. I'm so happy that our preventive efforts help save their lives. We want to continue to stress to the public that the Monroe Fire Department offers free smoke alarms for Monroe residents. Please call us. The life you help save just might be your own."

If you don't have a working smoke alarm in your home, the City of Monroe is here to help. Thanks to a grant secured by our Fire Department, we have thousands of FREE smoke alarms available to Monroe residents courtesy. If transportation issues are keeping you from coming by to pick one up from a local fire station, you can simply request the Monroe Fire Department to install these smoke alarms in your home. Please call 318-329-2437 or 318-329-2475 to request them today.

By working together, we are truly making a difference. Monroe is one city, with one future!