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### **HUDGENS: CHANGE YOUR CLOCK CHANGE YOUR SMOKE ALARM BATTERY**

**Atlanta** – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph Hudgens is urging Georgians to change the battery in their smoke alarm at the same time they change their clocks back to standard time this Sunday.

In conjunction with the "Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery" fire safety program sponsored by the International Association of Fire Chiefs, Commissioner Hudgens says the annual change from daylight saving time to standard time is a good reminder to make sure your smoke alarm is working properly.

"If you have a smoke alarm, make sure it's in working order," Hudgens said. "Changing the battery at least once every year and cleaning dust from the device is a simple way to ensure continued protection of your family and your property. Having a working smoke alarm doubles the chances you will survive a fire in your home."

Last year in Georgia, there were 82 fatal residential fires which resulted in 101 fire fatalities. Only nine residences had a working smoke alarm. So far in 2016, fire have claimed the lives of 124 Georgians. One Hundred and Seventeen of those deaths have occurred in either a home or apartment.

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, Nov. 6 at 2 a.m., when clocks are set back one hour.