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Press Release

State of New Hampshire passes New Carbon Monoxide Detector Law

Effective January 1, 2010, all multi-unit dwellings, rental units, hotels, motels, dormitories, apartments, duplex units and new or renovated single family homes are required to install carbon monoxide detectors.

This is a modification of the existing smoke detector law, RSA 153:10-a. It makes the building owners directly responsible to ensure that all apartments, hotel and motel rooms, and other rental units have carbon monoxide detectors in addition to smoke detectors. It also requires all new or renovated single family homes to have carbon monoxide detectors.

The North Conway Water Precinct Commissioners and Fire Chief want everyone to be aware of this law. The law will improve the safety of the residents and guests in North Conway.

CO is a colorless, odorless gas that displaces oxygen in the bloodstream. Symptoms of mild CO poisoning are dizziness, fatigue, headache, and confusion. If CO levels are high, victims will simply fall asleep and some will never wake up. More than 1,500 people in the US die from CO poisoning every year (CDC). It is known as "The quiet killer" and additional 10,000 seek medical attention.

If you need more information on the new Carbon Monoxide Detector Law, consult RSA 153:10-a at the State web site www.nh.gov/safety, or contact your local Fire Department.

Respectfully

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