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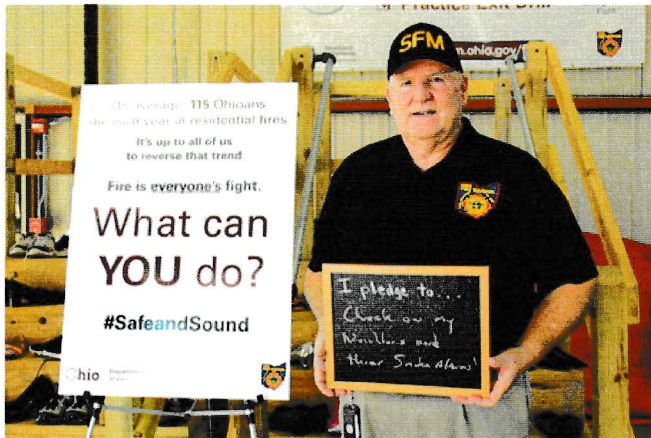
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CRIDERSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **STATE FIRE MARSHAL** **ASK “WHAT CAN YOU DO” TO PREVENT FIRES?**

Fire is everyone’s fight, and that’s why the Cridersville Volunteer Fire Department, in conjunction with the State Fire Marshal’s office, is asking Ohioans to think of one thing they can do to prevent or prepare for a fire.

The “What can you do?” social media campaign will highlight pledges to take action when it comes to fire safety. Fire officials throughout the state are encouraging Ohioans to take the pledge and post a photo on their social media accounts and use the hash tag #WhatCanYouDo or send it to your local fire department.



“We want to use this as a way to get everyone thinking about what they can do to be fire safe at home,” State Fire Marshal Larry L. Flowers said. “A proactive approach will help eliminate fire risks in your home, making you and your family safer.”

“It’s also important to make sure you’re prepared in the unfortunate case of a fire,” Cridersville Fire Chief Rick Miller said. “Practicing your fire escape plan and

making sure you have working smoke alarms in your home can help protect you if your home does catch fire.”

This campaign will kick off during Fire Prevention Week, October 9-15, 2016. The national theme is “Don’t Wait – Check the Date!” which encourages everyone to check the manufacture date on their smoke alarms. If the date on your alarm is more than ten years ago, the entire unit needs to be replaced. Smoke alarms are less effective after ten years.

For more fire prevention information, please visit our website: www.villageofcridersville.com click on the “Fire Department” section or go to the State Fire Marshal’s [website](#). To schedule a fire safety training class, contact Cridersville Fire Chief Rick Miller at 419-645-4000.