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ZFD crews now carry carbon monoxide detectors on EMS bags

Thanks to community support, Zionsville Fire Department crews have begun carrying carbon monoxide detectors on their EMS bags. This new tool is compliments of the fundraising efforts at this year's Pancake Day Breakfast.

Carbon monoxide is a colorless and odorless gas that is lethal when left undetected. With these personal warning devices clipped to the EMS bags of ZFD crews, they will be able to detect when there is carbon monoxide present. This not only provides an early warning for the residents, it protects EMS personnel as well. Crews will also have the opportunity to adjust patient care based on this early detection.

With the addition of these detectors, it will allow crews to begin automatically screening for deadly carbon monoxide gas, simply by being in the home or building. Last year alone, ZFD crews would have had over 1,200 opportunities to check for this deadly gas with these devices. If the alarms on these new detectors are activated, ZFD crews will notify the residents or business owners that the gas is present, assist in evacuating the building and help with corrective actions.



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