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## CALDWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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On May 26, at 8 a.m., the Caldwell Neighborhood Walmart (622 E Ustick) is presenting a grant check in the amount of 1000.00 to the Caldwell Fire Department. The money will be utilized in the community to purchase smoke detectors via the CFD smoke detector program.

The program is designed to provide awareness, education, and assistance to citizens of Caldwell that do not have the means to obtain these life-saving devices. The engine companies also carry the devices to use as replacements after a fire incident.

Smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. Almost three of every five home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms (41%) or no working smoke alarms (16%). In fires in which the smoke alarms were present but did not operate, two of every five (41%) of the smoke alarms had missing or disconnected batteries.