



Beyond Expectations



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Carbon Monoxide Alarms prompt warning from Surprise Fire Department:

Surprise Fire Department responded to 2 separate incidents involving Carbon Monoxide Alarms this past weekend. The first incident occurred approximately 9:30 p.m. Saturday evening. Fire department units found moderate levels of Carbon Monoxide in the residence. The residents were evacuated and the house was ventilated. The second incident occurred approximately 5:30 a.m. Sunday and again firefighters found moderate levels on the gas, evacuated the residents and ventilated the home. Through investigation it was determined the Carbon Monoxide Gas was being emitted from the electric golf carts being charged in the garage.

“We have verified through written documentation that lead acid batteries emit carbon monoxide gas along with other gases when overcharged, and want to warn residents with electric golf carts of the danger”, Assistant Fire Chief Kevin Pool said. “Carbon Monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that can cause symptoms ranging from headaches to coma”, Pool said.

Due to the danger carbon monoxide presents the Surprise Fire Department recommends the following for residents with electric golf carts:

- If residents don't have Carbon Monoxide detectors, purchase and install them in their homes.
- Follow manufacturer's recommendations on charging electric golf carts.
- Charge golf carts in well ventilated areas.