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“SPRING FORWARD” IN FIRE PREVENTION AND HOME SAFETY

S&S Electric suggests an easy way to remember to change the batteries in your home’s smoke and carbon monoxide detectors

OLDSMAR, Florida, April 3, 2004 — Sunday, April 4, is Daylight Savings Time. S&S Electric Co., Inc., suggests that homeowners take the time on Sunday to replace the batteries in their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors as part of their Daylight Savings Time routine.

According to the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA), in one-quarter of the reported fires in homes equipped with smoke detectors, the devices did not work. Households with non-working smoke detectors now outnumber those with no smoke detectors.

“It is important that homeowners remember to maintain their home safety devices, including smoke and carbon monoxide detectors,” said Shawn Smith, vice president of S&S Electric. “Change the batteries in all your home safety devices once a year. A good way to remember this is to change the batteries while you are changing the time on your clocks.

In many cases, smoke detectors fail because of dead, missing or disconnected batteries.

“Never remove the battery in your smoke alarm,” said Smith. “If you need a battery for another household item, for safety’s sake, it’s best to go to the store and purchase one. Also, when you begin to hear a beeping or chirping sound that means your battery is weak. Instead of disconnecting the battery, replace it with a new one.”

For additional information about fire protection and home safety, visit the NFPA website at www.nfpa.org.

S&S Electric Co., Inc., is West Central Florida’s premier home technology systems contractor for many of the nation’s top homebuilders. S&S Electric installs a wide range of products designed to protect your home and family, including smoke and fire alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, video systems, intercom systems, electrical surge protectors and lighting to enhance safety and security.

With more than 275 employees, and offices in Oldsmar, Tampa, Sarasota and Ft. Myers, S&S Electric has been installing customer confidence since 1947. The company’s extensive service offerings include Electrical, Air Conditioning and Structured Cabling Systems, as well as the expertise of an award-winning team of designers, installers and technicians recognized throughout the industry for providing customers with value-added, reliable, quality system installations. For more information about S&S Electric Co., and its many services, please visit www.ss-electric.com.

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