



# Ocean City Fire Department

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### **Smoke alarm awakens citizen, enables safe evacuation from fire**

On Sunday, March 20, 2011, at 3:36 a.m., the Ocean City Fire Department was dispatched to the Ocean Walk East Condominium, 11800 block of Wight Street, for a reported fire in a third floor unit. The sole occupant was awakened by the audible smoke alarm in the unit, and was able to safely evacuate the structure without incident. Firefighters arrived on scene shortly after, and quickly extinguished a couch fire in the living room of the unit.

With the beginning of daylight savings time on Sunday, March 13, the Ocean City Fire Department encouraged citizens to use the time change as a reminder to change the batteries in home smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. This recent fire in an occupied dwelling unit proves how critical the early warning capability of a working smoke alarm is for survival in the event of a fire.

Working smoke alarms have proven to save lives and should be included as an important part of a home fire escape plan. This only takes a few minutes and is vital for you and your families' safety. For more information, contact the Ocean City Fire Department at 410-289-8421.