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American Red Cross, Greater Cleveland Chapter reminds residents to change clocks, smoke alarm batteries

Cleveland, Ohio – March 29, 2006 – The American Red Cross, Greater Cleveland Chapter reminds residents of the Greater Cleveland area to change their clocks one hour forward and to replace smoke alarm batteries on Sunday, April 2, 2006.

Fire is the number one disaster that affects residents in the community. Properly working smoke alarms are the most effective way to prevent deaths caused by fire.

The Greater Cleveland Chapter's Operation Save-A-Life program offers free smoke alarms and batteries to residents who qualify as low-income, disabled or elderly. Eligible residents in Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, East Cleveland, Euclid, Newbury and South Euclid are encouraged to call their city's contact number for further information:

- Cleveland – 24-hour Operation Save-A-Life hotline at 216.361.5535
- Cleveland Heights – 216.291.2673
- East Cleveland – 216.681.2410
- Euclid – 216.289.8425
- Newbury – 440.564.2261
- South Euclid – 216.691.4273

To make a financial contribution to support the Operation Save-A-Life program, call 216.361.4878.

The American Red Cross, Greater Cleveland Chapter helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies by providing immediate emergency assistance to families affected by disasters in Cuyahoga, Geauga and Lake counties. The Red Cross is not a government agency; it relies on donations of time and money from the American people to do its work.

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