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**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 10 – SPRING AHEAD TO SAFETY**

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The Rock County Sheriff's Office would like to remind citizens that as Daylight Savings begins this Sunday, it is a perfect time to "spring ahead to safety" and tackle a few critical emergency preparedness updates for the upcoming spring season:.

**Spring Ahead – Checklist to Safety**

- **Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide Detectors:** All residences in Wisconsin are required to have smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors on every level, including the basement, but not the attic or storage areas. Daylight saving time is a good time each year to replace the batteries in your detector and push the test button to be sure it's working properly. Replace your detectors every five years.
- **Emergency Go Bags:** Be sure to have a basic emergency kit in your home with supplies, food and water to last you and your family for at least three days. Other items like a battery powered radio, flashlights, additional batteries, and first aid kit should also be included. Update your vehicle emergency kits to reflect the current and approaching seasons. For more information, please visit <https://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit>
- **Emergency NOAA Weather Radio:** Spring brings the threat of tornadoes. Make sure you have an emergency weather radio. It's like having a tornado siren in your home. When it goes off, go to a safe place. Remember, the Outdoor Warning Sirens are only intended for citizens to hear outdoors.
- **National Weather Service Wireless Emergency Alerts:** Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) are emergency messages sent by authorized government alerting authorities through your mobile carrier. Government partners include local and state public safety agencies, FEMA, the FCC, the Department of Homeland Security, and the National Weather Service. No signup is required! Alerts are sent automatically to WEA-capable phones during an emergency. For more information, please visit <https://www.weather.gov/wrn/wea>

For more tips on emergency preparedness, please visit <https://www.ready.gov/wisconsin>.

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