

# MOORE FROM THE HILL



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**October is National Fire Prevention Month.** Firefighters Local 140 is placing this billboard (below) around town. I have written previous articles on fire safety and fire protection and those can be found on my website at [moorefortn.net](http://moorefortn.net); but I want to take this opportunity to remind you to change your smoke detector batteries when you change your clocks back from daylight savings time on the weekend of November 6 & 7.

If you do not have at least one working smoke detector on each floor of your residence, the Nashville Fire Department can provide one smoke detector for you contingent to supply and funding. In order to find out how to obtain a smoke detector, please stop by the Fire Department Headquarters at 63 Hermitage Avenue between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.



**October is also National Crime Prevention Month** and I want to mention a few things you can do to protect yourself from becoming a victim of crime.

*Always be alert and aware of your surroundings and notice the people around you.* A classic example was relayed by a constituent just last week. She was leaving a local mall and noticed two men; one stayed by a van with an open side door and one left the van and quickly walked toward her as she went to her car. She turned and headed directly back into the mall and got someone to walk out to her car with her. She feels as though she was specifically targeted. If she had not been watching her surroundings as she left the mall, it could have turned out very differently.

*Do not allow people you do not know to stop you.* Know where you are going and walk directly there.

*Do not flash money, don't be distracted with cell phone calls and texting,* have your keys in your hand before you leave an establishment to head to your car and always look inside your car before getting in it.

There are many good websites with tips to avoid becoming a victim of identity theft, avoid becoming a victim of crime in your home or away from home; and measures to prevent internet crime. I hope you will take a few minutes with your favorite search engine to locate and read through some of these articles. The National Crime Prevention Council has a website that touches on much of this. Go to <http://www.ncpc.org/> to learn more.

**Unclaimed Property:** The Tennessee Dept. of Treasury maintains an “unclaimed property” data base. This property could be from bank accounts, stocks, refunds, gift certificates, etc. If you would like to visit the site and type in your name to see if you have any unclaimed property, the site is <http://treasury.tn.gov/unclaim/index.html>.

As always, please call my office if I may assist you in any way.

*Gary*



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