"Be Alarmed!" - which launched in 2018 - is a fire safety education and smoke alarm installation program administered cooperatively between the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance (IFSA) and the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal (OSFM). The program distributes fire safety education materials and 10-year concealed battery smoke alarms to fire departments in the state of Illinois. The fire departments then deliver the education and install smoke alarms in at-risk homes within their communities. Both the educational materials and smoke alarms are provided to fire departments at no cost as a result of funding from both the IFSA and OSFM.

The program was developed to educate Illinois residents on the dangers of residential fires and how to prevent fires from occurring in the home, as well as to ensure there are properly installed, working smoke alarms in the homes. By providing 10-year concealed battery smoke alarms, it ensures that the power source cannot be removed from the unit and, if properly maintained, will last the life of the device.

The program seeks to educate Illinois residents, young and old, on home fire safety and prevention methods, reduce the number of fire-related injuries in Illinois, reduce the number of fire-related deaths in Illinois, and identify the reason for non-working smoke alarms in Illinois homes.

2018 Recorded Data:
- 99 Illinois fire departments from 34 different counties participating in the program
- 4,655 10-year concealed battery smoke alarms distributed to Illinois fire departments
- 2,945 10-year concealed battery smoke alarms installed in Illinois homes
- 980 Illinois homes now protected with new smoke alarms
- 2,381 (1,099 high-risk) Illinois residents educated on smoke alarm maintenance, home fire safety, and home fire escape plans as well as protected by new smoke alarms
- 80% of pre-existing smoke alarms in homes that received new 10-year concealed battery smoke alarms were non-functional or were expired (1,481 of 1,848 pre-existing alarms)
2018 Participating Departments:

Addison FPD
Algonquin/Lake in the Hills FPD
Amboy FD
Auburn FD
Barrington Countryside FPD
Bartlett FPD
Beach Park FD
Beardstown FD
Belleville FD
Bloomingdale FPD
Bolingbrook FPD
Bourbonnais FPD
Broadview FD
Bunker Hill FD
Camp Jackson FD
Cedarville FPD
Central Stickney FPD
Champaign FD
Channahon FPD
Chatham FD
Cherry Valley FPD
Coffeen FPD
Colona FD
Crete FD
Dalzell FD
Decatur FD

Elk Grove Village FD
Emington-Campus FPD
Evanston FD
Fairmont City FD
Ford Heights FD
French Village FD
Gifford FD
Grayslake FPD
Greater Round Lake FPD
Gurnee FD
Harlem Roscoe FPD
Harvey FD
Havana FD
Hinsdale FPD
Lake Forest FD
Lake Villa FPD
Lake Zurich FD
LeMoyne FPD
Libertyville FD
Lincoln FPD
Lincolnshire Riverwoods FPD
Little Wabash FPD
Manhattan FPD
Matteson FD
Menominee Dunleith FD
Merrionette Park FD
Metamora FD
Metropolis FD
Milledgeville FD
Minooka FD
Mitchell FD
Moline FD
New Athens FPD
New Berlin-Island Grove FD
Normal FD
North Palos FPD
North Riverside FPD
Northern Piatt FPD
Northern Tazewell FPD

Northwest St. Clair County FPD
Olney FD
Oregon FPD
Peoria FD

Pleasant Plains FPD
Prospect Heights FPD
River Grove FD
Rock Island FD
Rockford FD
Round Lake FD
Sandwich Community FPD
Skokie FPD
South Jacksonville FD
Springfield FD
Steger FPD
Toulon FD
Tri-State FPD
Tuscarora FPD
Urbana FD
Valier FD
Vienna FD
Villa Grove FD
Virginia Volunteer FD
Washington FD
Wauconda FD
Wheaton FD
Wilmette FD
Wood Dale FPD
York Center FPD