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***New State Law Requires Carbon Monoxide Detectors in Rental Properties, Homes***

GREENSBORO, NC (December 18, 2009) – Carbon monoxide is a silent killer. It's odorless, colorless and tasteless, and according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 400 people in the US die from carbon monoxide poisoning each year.

Because of the dangers of this toxic gas, beginning January 1, 2010, a new state law will require carbon monoxide detectors to be installed in all existing rental units with fossil fuel appliances or fossil fuel fired heating systems.

Specifically, the law requires that:

- Owners of existing rental units shall provide at least one carbon monoxide detector on each level of each unit.
- The detectors can be electrically hardwired or battery-operated.
- All detectors must be approved by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.

Also, beginning January 1, 2011, all new homes being constructed must have a carbon monoxide detector installed outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedroom(s).

For more information about this new law, call the City of Greensboro's Engineering & Inspections Department at 336-373-2155.

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