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Save-A-Life Blitz to continue on Wednesday, March 9th

ATLANTA – Atlanta City Councilmember Michael Julian Bond will lead a Save-A-Life Blitz on Wednesday, March 9th along with volunteers from the Atlanta Fire and Rescue Department, the Atlanta Police Department, the Ronnie Thames Foundations and the American Red Cross.

During the community canvassing campaign, volunteers will continue to educate citizens while testing and installing Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors in their homes, distributing FREE hand held fire distinguishers.

“We must continue to educated citizens on fire safety as every life counts,” Bond said.

Seven times a day someone in this country dies in a home fire. Countless others suffer injuries. When a fire starts, you may have as little as two minutes to escape a burning home before it's too late to get out. To combat these tragic statistics, the Red Cross has launched a nationwide campaign to reduce the number of deaths and injuries due to home fires by 25 percent by the end of 2019.

Red Cross workers here and statewide are joining with local fire departments and community groups to visit neighborhoods at high risk for fires. Those visits include educating people about fire safety through door-to-door visits and installation of free smoke alarms in homes that need them.

In 2015 Metro Atlanta's Red Cross responded to 1,643 home fires. There were 457 home fires in Fulton County alone with 1,229 people assisted by Red Cross last year. Since January 1st of this year, there have been 29 deaths due to house fires in Georgia.

On Wednesday, Councilmember Bond and volunteers will canvass in the **1400 block of Andrews street**, where six people died in a house fire on Monday, March 7th. Sadly, the recent

loss of six lives serves as reminder for all homes to have more than one working smoke alarm installed as well a reliable escape plan should a fire occur.

DATE: Wednesday March 9th, 2016

TIME: 4:30pm – 5:30pm

MEETING LOCATION: 1427 Andrews St NW, Atlanta, GA 30314