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Plover Fire Chief Mark Deaver, Shankland and Deputy Chief Ken Voss. (Metro Wire photo)

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Assemblywoman Katrina Shankland drops off some 300 smoke detectors on Jan. 19 at the Plover Fire Department.

The smoke detectors were accepted by Fire Chief Mark Deaver and Deputy Chief Ken Voss.

The devices were donated by Volunteer Firefighter Alliance, Shankland said, and while she delivered them to PFD they were available to firefighters "across the county".

Local fire departments have also received donated smoke detectors from the Red Cross, and firefighters in Stevens Point and Plover have both gone door-to-door in various neighborhoods to ensure homes have the proper safety alarms.

Voss said Plover firefighters will often install the alarms themselves (as does Stevens Point), as opposed to simply dropping them off at a residence.

"Since this program started in 2016, I think we're up to about 160 smoke detectors installed in our area," he said.

Local fire departments often carry extra smoke detectors on their trucks, he added, and anyone in need of a detector can simply request one.

"The way I see it, the more smoke detectors local firefighters have to give away, the better," Shankland said.

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