



Better Fire Protection for Churches in Forest Home, Alabama

Any one associated with a volunteer fire department knows about fund raisers. It takes a lot of work and support by vendors to be successful. Mary Till of the Forest Home VFD contacted Falcon Direct in the hope that we would be able to contribute a prize for a drawing at a fund raiser fish fry. We responded with an offer a little different than she expected.

Forest Home, Alabama, with a population 622 covers a lot of land mass with very few people in between. Like other sparsely populated rural communities, the churches are particularly vulnerable to arson, theft, vandalism and fire by lightning or electrical circuit failures.

Instead of an inexpensive promotional gift, we decided to do something a little different. What we gave was a fifty dollar VISA prepaid credit card to the winning attendee and the gift of an automatic fire reporting system to a local church. Through a working relationship with Ritron, Inc., we are now offering a portable battery powered smoke detection system that can sense the presence of smoke and automatically transmit a voice alarm message directly to the radios used by Forest Home first responders.

The United Methodist Church of Forest Home with a membership of just eighteen people received the first *QuikFire Reporter* delivered in the USA. There was no cost to the church. No phone lines are required and there are no monthly fees. The Baptist Church and a few others may have to pay for their unit, but it won't cost them much and it could save them a lot of grief later on.

If you would like to know more about the *QuikFire Reporter*, or how as a volunteer fire department that you can work with us to offer this service in your community, just drop us an email ServingU@falcondirect.com or give us a call at 205.854.2611. Oh, by the way, that's Mary Till, second from the right. It's people like her and the thousands of volunteers that make our communities a better place to live for everyone. Thanks to you Mary and all the members of the Forest Home VFD. We appreciate you! The Falcon Team!