



## Fire Awareness

Jack O'Connell and Terry Lindsley spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on September 19. Jack started as a volunteer firefighter in 1970 and Terry has participated for 11 years. They talked about home fires.

They said that the kitchen is the most likely place for a fire to start. When smoke alarms go off in your house, you should not go looking for what set off the fire alarm. Get out of the house.

Smoke can burn. A flashover is when a smoke filled room

suddenly ignites. The smoke gets hot and basically explodes.

People should practice exit drills in their homes. Everyone should know the closest exit and have a meeting place outside. You can purchase quick release ladders for upstairs rooms. They encourage people to sleep with their doors open.

911 calls on a cell phone goes directly to the nearest emergency center. The emergency center can identify the location of the call.

The life of a smoke detector is 10 years, but batteries should be changed every year.

70-80% of firefighting in Iowa is done by volunteers in the county.