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Rapid Response Saved My Home

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Martinsville- A Gosport lady has spoken out about the rapid response that saved her home. On the morning of January 23rd, Linda Nott of Gosport, IN received a call that she will never forget. Linda was away from home at the time so when the smoke alarm sounded of a possible fire and the central dispatch center couldn't reach her, they contacted the fire department and then they alerted Linda's son and daughter-in-law from her contact list.

Within minutes the son who lived close by called his mother regarding the fire and then headed to his mom's house where he met the fire rescue. When Nott arrived at the house the firefighters were already there. "Smoke filled both the living room and kitchen," Linda exclaimed. "It was frightening. The firefighters were great! They promptly secured the area and put out the fire that could have blazed through my entire home."

A microwave reportedly shorted out causing the fire in the kitchen. "Both the emergency personnel and my insurance company exclaimed how fortunate I was to have had the monitored smoke alarm," said Nott. "Damage was limited to the kitchen with some smoke in the living room. It could have been worse. I could have lost my home of 40 years."

"Just the thought of losing my home and all of my possessions was distressing. I was so pleased of the quick response and the fact that SCI's security system saved my home. "I called the REMC office and told them I needed to tell my story," exclaimed Nott. "If I can save one other person from losing their home or their lives, I feel I have done something

special. For less than a dollar a day or a meal at MacDonald's your home can be secured whether it is from a burglary, fire, or flood. I originally bought the security system for fear of burglary. Living in a rural area entices intruders and we wanted the peace of mind our home was protected. I never imagined we would have a fire!"

Linda Nott's kitchen has undergone renovation and her smoked filled living room is almost back in order. Linda proclaimed that her insurance agent mentioned the damage could have been more costly then it was. The fire department concurred that Linda Nott's home was saved due to the monitored smoke.

The Nott's have had their security system for more than 14 years and the peace of mind that comes with a monitored security system is priceless. "The big message we want to push out is that a smoke alarm will not stop a fire, but it will let people know if there is one. We'd encourage people to check their smoke alarms to ensure they're still working, and contact their local fire department if they would like fire safety advice," stated Jean van Biezen, General Manager of SCI Services, LLC whose company installed the monitored security system in the Nott home. "Having a monitored smoke detector is a big plus because in this case when someone wasn't home, the house was still saved. You can't put a price tag on that."

SCI Services, LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of South Central Indiana REMC. SCI Security offers protection in more than 12 of the southern counties of Indiana including; Monroe, Morgan, Brown, Owen, Orange, Harrison, Lawrence, Daviess-Martin, Putnam, Clay and Johnson counties to name a few. To hear Linda's testimonial visit: www.sciservices.coop.

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