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### ***Peletech Supports the NFPA's Fire Prevention Week October 9-15, 2016: Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years***

**Seattle, WA - October 1, 2016.** Peletech Corporation (Peletech), a key developer of next-generation wireless 911-enabled smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms and fire safety technologies, is a dedicated supporter of the NFPA's Fire Prevention Week. Peletech supports the theme for 2016: Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years.

NFPA 72, *National Fire Alarm Code*®, requires smoke alarms be replaced at least every 10 years, but because the public is generally unaware of this requirement, many homes have smoke alarms past their expiration date, putting people at increased risk. To find out how old a smoke alarm is, look at the date of manufacture on the back of the alarm; the alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date.

"The public should also be aware that the outdated smoke alarms in their homes may also be technologically obsolete, and the model of alarm installed in certain areas of the home may not be the correct application to protect certain members of the household, or comply with current NFPA 72 standards," said Noel Woodard, President of Peletech.

"It is vital that when choosing new smoke and CO alarms to understand the features and technology for the best application to protect your household. A number of different Wi-Fi enabled smoke and CO alarms are currently available that provide automatic notification to your smartphone when you are away, so you can alert a 911 dispatcher from your smartphone. The public should be aware that although these alarms notify you or other specified persons you select to be notified, they do not send notifications directly to first responders. Moreover, other important considerations are involved when calling a 911 dispatcher from a location away from your home," said Jon Woodard, SVP/Chief Technologist of Peletech.

Peletech promotes installing next-generation wireless 911-enabled smoke and CO alarms (known as "Smart Alarms") in every sleeping area and room in your home. Although conventional smoke and CO alarms are proven life safety devices, Smart Alarms have the additional innovative feature of automatically notifying a 911 dispatch center of the nature and location of the fire or CO emergency. Smart alarm technology is especially vital to protecting households with high-risk populations (disabled, hearing impaired, elderly, and children).

**About Peletech.** Peletech Corporation provides consulting and project management services to the fire safety services industry, fire protection industry, and government and the non-profit fire services community. Peletech is committed to developing and promoting innovative solutions and technologies to save life and property from fire and carbon monoxide dangers.

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