



HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE MEDIA ALERT

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Firefighters to Canvass Area of Fatal Fire

WHAT: Firefighters will canvass the area of a fatal fire.

WHEN: Today, January 29, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Townhome apartments located at 11855 Dashwood, Key Map 529E.

DETAILS: Houston firefighters were dispatched to a fire at 11855 Dashwood about 6:15 p.m. on January 23, 2009 and quickly tapped out the fire. Firefighters transported a civilian from the scene, however she did not survive. There were no other reported injuries. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

In an effort to help prevent tragic fires, members from the Houston Fire Department will canvass the complex of this fire with safety literature and batteries for smoke detectors.

“Working smoke detectors provide an early warning and critical extra seconds to escape,” said Captain Homero Ponce-Lopez, HFD Public Affairs. “This is particularly important for those most at risk of dying in a home fire, such as children and seniors.”

Non-working smoke detectors rob residents of the protective benefits home fire safety devices were designed to provide. The most commonly cited cause of nonworking smoke detectors is worn or missing batteries.

Citizens who cannot afford or otherwise install a working smoke alarm in their homes (renters - landlords should install a smoke alarm) may visit their local Houston Fire Station for a smoke alarm, call the HFD Public Affairs Office at 713-495-7900.



**Help Us Help You.
Working Smoke Detectors Save Lives!**

