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Firefighters to Canvass Area of Fatal Fire

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

WHEN: Today, February 10, 2009 starting at 1 p.m.

WHERE: Firefighters will meet at Clinton Park, 200 Mississippi and canvass the neighborhood in and around the 200 block of Pennsylvania (Key Map 495Z)

DETAILS : Houston firefighters were dispatched to a house fire in the 200 block of Pennsylvania about 1p.m. on January 25, 2009. One resident was transported to the hospital and succumb to her injuries on February 7.

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



Working Smoke Detectors Save Lives!

