



HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE MEDIA ALERT

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Press Conference: Get Out, Stay Out! HFD Stresses Prevention Tips

WHAT: The Houston Fire Department will stress the importance of a fire escape plan and working smoke alarms during a press conference with demonstrations.

WHEN : Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Fire Station 19, 1801 Gregg, 77020

DETAILS: A small fire can become big in a matter of minutes, leaving your as little as two minutes to escape safely once the smoke detector sounds. You and your family's ability to escape will greatly depend on if you have an escape plan and have practiced it. Everyone should know two ways out and once they are out -- stay out, with a meeting place pre-determined.

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. HFD will also take this time to remind citizens to change the batteries in their smoke detectors when they set their clocks an hour forward the weekend of March 7.

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



Working Smoke Detectors Save Lives!

