



HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE MEDIA ALERT

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HFD Honors Trailblazers at 4th Annual Ceremony

WHAT: The Houston Fire Department, with special speaker City of Houston Council Member at Large Jolanda Jones, will honor three HFD "Trailblazers" and honor a member with the "2009 Top Gun Award" during the 4th Annual Trailblazers' Breakfast Ceremony.

WHEN : Friday, February 27, 2009, 9 a.m.

WHERE: Greer and Lowdermilk Conference Center, Houston Firefighters Relief and Retirement Fund, 4225 Interwood N. Parkway, off JFK Blvd.

DETAILS: Fire Chief Phil Boriskie, Council Member Jones and members of the Class of 1955, the first class of African-Americans to be sworn in as HFD Firefighters will present special awards to three woman who have reached ranks not yet reached by any other woman in the Fire Department.

The first breakfast, in 2006, honored and thanked the Class of 1955 - the first class of African-Americans to be sworn in as HFD firefighters. The goal of this annual breakfast is to recognize the trailblazer's efforts while seeking to establish a scholarship fund for deserving young students who wish to continue their education after completing high school.

The Trailblazers event was envisioned by Executive Assistant Chief Rick Flanagan and endorsed by Fire Chief Boriskie, because of their commitment to the integrity of the fire department and to honor the pioneers in the department.



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