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Joint Press Conference - Fireworks and the 4th of July

WHAT: The Houston Fire Department and Harris County Fire Marshal Office will hold a joint press conference regarding fireworks and 4th of July safety.

WHEN: Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at 3 p.m.

WHERE: HFD Training Academy, 8030 Braniff, just off Telephone Rd.

DETAILS: Citizens should be aware that it is illegal to discharge fireworks or to have fireworks in your possession in the City of Houston. HFD will be enforcing the fireworks ban in the Limited Purpose Annexation areas of Harris County. Citizens should also be aware of the burn ban that has been extended until July 6 for the entire county. The ban prohibits the sale, use or transportation of all stick rockets and missiles with fins within the county. The HFD will also discuss other safety tips for the holiday, including bar-be-que safety and staying healthy when outdoors in extreme heat. Additional information, including the LPA maps may be found on the HFD website at www.houstonfire.org.

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