



**HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE
MEDIA ALERT**

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The Houston Fire Department to Area of Latest Fire Fatality

WHAT: Firefighters from the Houston Fire Department will be in the Southeast Houston neighborhood that is the location of the latest fire fatality.

WHEN: Today, Thursday, September 3, 2009 11:00am

WHERE: The corner of Berry Creek and Flagstone, Key Map 536S

DETAILS: Houston Firefighters will be canvassing a Southeast Houston neighborhood site of the latest fire fatality that occurred early this morning. These Firefighters will be going door-to-door distributing fire safety information and talking to the area residents about having a fire escape plan in place and the importance of having working smoke detectors. The Houston Fire Department would like to remind everyone to have a fire escape plan in place and to practice that plan every month. And remember, during a fire, when you get out of your home, stay out.

The fire occurred at 5619 Berry Creek. Two victims were pulled from the burning home and transported by HFD to an area hospital. Unfortunately one of the victims, an elderly woman, died later at the hospital. Arson is now investigating the cause of the fire.

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