



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

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**The Houston Fire Department to Canvass Area of Latest Fire Fatality**

**WHAT:** Firefighters from the Houston Fire Department will be at the southwest Houston location of the latest fire fatality.

**WHEN:** Today, Wednesday, September 23, 2009 @ 2:00pm

**WHERE:** 8300 block of Jorine at Imogene, Key Map 530N, Copperwood Townhomes complex

**DETAILS:** Houston Firefighters will be canvassing a southwest Houston townhome complex site of the latest fire fatality that occurred last night. These Firefighters will be going door-to-door distributing fire safety information and talking to the complex 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 if you have burglar bars on your windows, make sure you have the right type. Burglar bars with quick release mechanisms are preferred over others because they offer the same security but are easier to open from the inside. Burglar bars using keys are fine as long as the key is located nearby the bars and can be easily accessed in the event of an emergency.

The fire occurred at the 8300 block of Jorine at Imogene at the Copperwood Townhomes.

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