



**HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
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MEDIA ALERT**

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FIRE FEST THIS SATURDAY REAL FIREFIGHTERS, REAL FUN!

WHAT: The Houston Fire Department and Houston Fire Museum will host the Annual Fire Fest, also known as the Fire Muster. This event is free and open to the public.

WHEN: Saturday, October 10, 2009, 10 am to 5pm

WHERE: HFD Training Academy, 8030 Braniff off Telephone Rd. near Hobby Airport

DETAILS:

Highlights of this year's event will include:

- Vendors' Midway - Over a dozen vendor booths featuring memorabilia exclusive to the fire service including: t-shirts, jewelry, tools, furniture, stickers, patches, and much much more!
- Food/Beverage Court - Sample some of the best BBQ from all the BBQ Cook-Off teams, as well other festival favorites such as snow-cones, funnel cakes, turkey legs, cotton-candy, and even beer!
- Live Firefighting Demonstrations - See the Red Thunder firefighting team in action! This team is made up of the best of the Houston Fire Department's Engine & Ladder Companies that specialize in high intensity firefighting environments. Multiple shows scheduled throughout the day.
- Annual Firefighters' BBQ Cook-Off - Watch the Houston area's best firefighter cook-off teams compete to win best in Ribs, Chicken, Brisket, Beans, and Desert!
- Live Music - Great live zydeco and Texas-rock music on the main stage throughout the day.
- Kids' Fun Zone - Area designed especially for kids, with events ranging from pony rides to a towering inflatable slide.
- Assorted Fire Apparatus - Get up close and personal with various apparatus, from antique motorized fire engines to state of the art modern response units.
- Exhibition Car Show - The [HFD Street Machines](#) Car Club will put on a exhibition car show during Firefest.
- Ladder Truck Competition - Last year featured Ladder 68 accompanied by Engine 76, versus Ladder 16 with Engine 08.

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