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HFD to Honor More than 150 Members for Valor, Service and Dedication at Annual Ceremony

WHAT: The Houston Fire Department Valor and Service Awards will host the annual "Medal Day" Ceremony honoring both firefighters and civilians within HFD who have gone above and beyond.

WHEN: Saturday, October 17, 2009
Social at 6pm
Dinner and Welcome at 7pm
Award Presentations at 7:45pm

WHERE: Houston Marriott Westchase, 2900 Briarpark Dr.

DETAILS: Every year members go above and beyond the call of duty by risking their own lives for complete strangers and dedicate themselves not only the citizens of Houston, but also the members of the Houston Fire Department.

KHOU Channel 11 Reporter Len Cannon will be this year's Master of Ceremonies, with special remarks by prominent business leader Jim McIngvale.

Some of the incidents from which firefighters will be honored include:

- Dramatic water rescues made during the late April 2009 rain storm
- A life-saving rescue of an infant and the child's family during Hurricane Ike
- The rescue of two citizens from their burning home post-Ike
- The rescue of a fellow firefighter from a burning house fire in November 2008
- The investigation of the Gallery Furniture Fire
- The rescue of several children from their burning home

These are just some examples of the incidents in which members will be honored for the courage and commitment.

Working Smoke Detectors Save Lives!