



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

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**HFD, Local 2 KPRC and Community Coffee  
Kick-Off Toy Drive**

**WHAT:** The Annual HFD Toy Drive will kick-off with KPRC, Local 2 and Community Coffee.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, December 2, 2009, starting at 6 a.m.

**WHERE:** Fire Station 8, 1919 Louisiana

**DETAILS:** The HFD along with KPRC, Local 2 and Community Coffee have combined efforts this year to help kick-off the Annual HFD toy drive. A special kick-off will be held at fire station 8.

The Houston Fire Department along with other Houston area non-profit organizations will be collecting new, unwrapped toys at all HFD Fire Stations December 2 through December 18, 2009.

Simply stop by the HFD station in your neighborhood and drop off your donation with the firefighters at the station.

We cannot accept clothing donations due to the great demand for toys. HFD gives these toys to local non-profit organizations to distribute.

HFD is not taking names for those in need, however, one of the major non-profit groups that HFD has worked with for more than 10 years is the Outreach Program, Inc. They will hold their annual Christmas Giveaway on December 23, 2009 at 1305 Benson at Lyons Avenue (former Pleasants Elementary School) 11a.m. to 4:30p.m. or until all gone, whichever comes first. There is no waiting list or reservations. This is first come, first serve.

*Each person is asked to bring ID. However, if ID is not available, the organization only ask that the family provide their names and the number of children in the family. Families should also bring their own bags for the toys.*

Visit [www.houstonfire.org](http://www.houstonfire.org) for a complete list of all station locations. For more information on how you can donate a new, unwrapped toy to the Annual HFD Holiday Toy Drive call the HFD Public Affairs office at 713-495-7900.

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