



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

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Toys collected at fire stations to be given away

WHAT: The Annual Outreach Inc. Toy Give-Away

WHEN: Tomorrow, December 23, 2009, starting at 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. or until toys run out.

WHERE: 1305 Benson at Lyons (Former Pleasants Elementary School)

DETAILS: The HFD along with KPRC, Local 2 and Community Coffee have combined efforts this year to accept toys for the Annual HFD toy drive. The toy collection ended on December 18 and had an over-whelming response. HFD gives these toys to local non-profit organizations to distribute.

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. 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.



*Pictured: The HFD Chaplain Garry Blackmon looks over the toys that have been donated for the Annual HFD Toy Drive. To View or Download go to:
www.houstontx.gov/fire/news/images/toys2009.jpg*

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