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PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE
MEDIA ALERT**

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Dangers of dried out Christmas trees and space heater safety

WHAT: The Houston Fire Department and Solid Waste Management Department will remind citizens about the dangers of dried out Christmas trees with a demonstration. HFD will also address space heater safety.

WHEN: Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.

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

DETAILS: The Fire Department encourages citizens to properly dispose of their Christmas Trees when they start dropping needles. A representative from Solid Waste Management Department will discuss the perfect outlet for these trees.

As the temperature drops , the fire department urges citizens to be careful and follow some simple safety tips when using space heaters and other supplemental heating sources. Heating devices cause more than 100 fires in the City of Houston each year, resulting in numerous injuries and possible death.

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