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**HFD Teams Up with Apartment Association to Stress
Importance of a Working Smoke Detector**

WHAT: The Houston Fire Department and the Houston Apartment Association will remind citizens to change the batteries in their smoke detectors when they set their clocks back this weekend.

WHEN: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 10am

WHERE: Fire Station 8, 1919 Louisiana

DETAILS: Checking the smoke detector and changing the battery are the simplest things residents can do to protect their families. Acting HFD Fire Marshal Richard Galvan and former Houston Apartment Association President Beth Van Winkle will discuss not only how important it is to have a working smoke detector, but also how to install a smoke detector.

Just recently, we had the tragic misfortune of losing four family members in a fire where the flame was not altogether that intense. It was the smoke that claimed the lives of this beautiful family.

Working Smoke Detectors Save Lives!

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