



Incident Update

Houston Fire Department

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APARTMENT FIRE IN SOUTH HOUSTON

No Injuries Reported

What: Apartment Fire in South Houston.

December 19, 2016 at 11:13 a.m.

When: Fire was declared under control 11:52 a.m..

Where: 9220 Nathaniel St. Houston TX 77075 - Cabo San Lucas Apartments

Injuries: None Reported

Damage: Significant smoke visible by initial units.

Cause: Malfunctioning Heating Unit

Details: Eight occupants were displaced, the American Red Cross and the on-site management company are assisting with occupant relocation.

The Houston Fire Department reminds citizens when using supplemental heating sources to take the following precautions:

- Make sure you have a working smoke alarm.

- Never leave children unattended in a room with a space heater
- Keep all combustible materials, including yourself at least 3 feet from the heater
- Open face heaters should have a screen
- Don't use extension cords for the heater.
- Provide ventilation to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning
- **Inspect heating units annually by a qualified service technician. Don't wait for cold weather!**
- Vent pipes must exhaust to the outside!
- If your flame is not blue, it is not burning properly. It is producing Carbon Monoxide, Turn it off.
- Use flexible metal tubing with threaded ends to connect the heater to the gas valve.
- Use soapy water to check all connections and valves for leaks. NEVER use a match to test for a gas leak!
- Look for the American Gas Association label and follow the manufacturer's recommendations

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