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HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT Incident Update

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Advisory: HFD to perform prescribed burn at Sylvan Rodriguez Park

Tomorrow, the Houston Fire Department (HFD), in close collaboration the Houston Parks & Recreation Department (HPARD) will be conducting a prescribed fire at Sylvan Rodriguez Park (1201 Clear Lake City Blvd, 77062).

The prescribed fire is scheduled for Thursday, March 13, 2025.

- Burn briefing at 10:30 a.m.
- Ignition preparation begins at 11 a.m. with an expected test burn ignition at approximately noon, wind conditions permitting.

Media requesting access for fire coverage should coordinate with Captain Sedrick Robinett using the on-call PIO phone number at 832.394.6709.

During the burn period, individuals may see smoke in their area or on nearby roads.

HFD is requesting citizens near the burn site to refrain from calling 911 unless there is an emergency. Drivers should reduce their speed, use headlights when smoke is present, and always pay attention to posted reduced speed limits.

HFD's wildland firefighters will be performing and overseeing the entire prescribed fire to establish continuity and the swift mitigation of potential life safety hazards. HFD will also be coordinating with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the Houston Health Department to establish clean air (atmospheric) monitoring during the prescribed fire.

This park has undergone several previous controlled burns to minimize the risk of fire.

"A proactive approach like this one helps us minimize the risk of a wildland fire in our area, as well as the impact it would have on the community and environment," said Fire Chief Thomas Muñoz. "The HFD Wildland Firefighters Group, in collaboration with our valuable safety partners, will help to ensure this is carefully controlled, creating a safer environment for us and wildlife in the park."

Thus prescribed fire will aid in reducing potential fire dangers due to vegetation accumulation which poses a significant threat to the surrounding residential community. Reducing the amount of potential fuel, like dry grass, leaves and other vegetation, is the appropriate safety step in protecting surrounding residents and their homes.

For more information and updates about the HFD's and HPARD's controlled burn please visit: <https://houstontx.gov/parks/naturalresources.html>

For information on Wildland Fire Management and prescribed fire please visit: http://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/land/wildland_fire_management/

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