



NEWS RELEASE
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Fire Department in Live Fire Training

The City of Santa Maria Fire Department will intentionally burn two downtown buildings in late October and early November, in a series of technical live fire exercises and fire fighter training programs.

The building locations are 518 and 600 East Boone Street, near the City's Transit Center. The two single-story former commercial/office buildings are being burned and demolished to make room for the future 262-unit Hancock Terrace apartment project. The property owner has given permission for the Fire Department to undertake this valuable training opportunity.

Media representatives are invited to attend the training on two dates for photo, video and interview opportunities and fire safety information. Those dates are:

- Thursday, October 31 (1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.) Structure Fire Training
- Saturday, November 2 (9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.) Complete Structure Burn-Down

Additional training will be occurring before these dates, but no fire personnel will be available to answer questions or to allow access to the facility, which is on private property.

Questions may be directed to the Fire Department, 925-0951 ext. 338.

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