



## FIRE DEPARTMENT

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# Informational Release - For Immediate Broadcast

*To:* All Media Outlets

*From:* Jason Diehl, Fire Chief  
Missoula Fire Department

*Re:* Fire Department Training Exercise: Controlled Burn of a structure at 1625 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street West  
Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – 08:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

*Date:* Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013

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The Missoula Fire Department will have emergency apparatus and personnel conducting a controlled burn training exercise at 1625 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street West in cooperation with Habitat for Humanity [www.habitatmsla.org](http://www.habitatmsla.org) from approximately 08:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

This is not a demonstration, but a controlled burn training exercise for our firefighters.

Efforts have been made to limit the impact on the public's ability to navigate the area. The public should be advised, however, that there will be local street closures for the duration of the controlled burn training exercise.

Missoula County 9-1-1 has been notified – we would much appreciate your assistance in responding to any inquiries from the public regarding emergency response vehicles, personnel or large columns of smoke in the area.

The structure being razed had experienced damage from a previous fire that occurred in February of 2012. It in turn was purchased by Habitat for Humanity, who will be building two affordable single-family dwellings. Beginning in April Habitat's volunteer work force will start construction on a 3-bedroom home, to house a family of 4, followed by another home to be built in 2014.

Habitat for Humanity of Missoula is a non-profit, ecumenical, Christian housing ministry dedicated to the elimination of poverty housing in our community and throughout the



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world. Celebrating its 22<sup>nd</sup> year in Missoula County, all work is funded by local contributions of time, materials, and money.

Families are selected based on need, ability to pay back the home cost and willingness and ability to partner. Families selected must be able to contribute 500 hours of work building their home and other Habitat projects. Families must pay back the costs of their homes through an affordable, no-interest loan. Their payments are used to build more Habitat homes in our community. For more information on volunteering or becoming a Habitat Partner Family please call their office at 549-8210.

Questions regarding MFD's controlled burn training can be directed to our Headquarters Station during our regular business hours at 552-6210.

Thank you in advance for your assistance & ongoing support of your firefighters!