



# ***BURNING To LEARN***

## **A Training Drill by Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue**

### **Where:**

12585 SW Walnut St.  
Tigard

### **When:**

Friday  
May 4, 2007  
8:30 a.m.

### **Why:**

- Provide valuable live-fire training for new firefighters in a real residential structure
- Reduce demolition debris in landfills
- Save taxpayer funds

### **For More**

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### **For Home Fire Safety**

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On Friday, May 4th, 2007, firefighters from Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue will be burning a house in your neighborhood for training purposes. The house is located at 12585 SW Walnut Street. This training burn will give the nine recruit firefighters currently in the TVF&R Recruit Academy exposure to live fire in a real residential structure. The house is being demolished to make room for the new fire station that will reduce emergency response times to a large portion of northern Tigard.

Beginning around 0830 a.m., Training Officers will set small fires in the house and send recruit firefighters inside to extinguish the small fires. The process will be supervised by experienced, career firefighters and follows strict safety guidelines. Once the training drills for the recruits are completed, the house will be allowed to burn in a controlled manner. This process provides invaluable training experience for the nine recruits and saves taxpayer money by reducing the amount of demolition debris that must be removed from the site. The fire will be kept under control at all times. Firefighters will extend lines around the house to ensure that the fire stays confined. The training will be cancelled if the weather becomes too dry or a significant wind is blowing. Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue conducts these types of training burns several times a year. They are a common method for property owners to use to reduce the amount of demolition debris taken to landfills.

Training burns such as these are critical for firefighters. One of the best learning environments is actual hands-on experience dealing with live fire. House burn drills allow your firefighters to learn the limits of their equipment and tactics in an educational, non-emergency environment. This type of training is what allows firefighters to keep their skills and teamwork sharp for real emergencies where seconds count and there is little room for error.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue is dedicated to the people we serve and protect. These exercises are just one example of how your firefighters sharpen their skills so that, in time of need, you will receive the highest level of service possible.

We thank you for your cooperation and understanding, and we invite you to watch the fire training exercise...from a safe distance. If you have questions about the training exercise, please call Storm Smith, TVF&R Community Liaison at 503-356-4713.