



PRESS RELEASE

HARRIS COUNTY TEXAS

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Teenager Burned by Firework

A 16-year-old girl was injured by fireworks on July 4, 2010 at 9:34 p.m. in the 19600 block of Coppervine in west Harris County. Westlake Volunteer Fire Department emergency medical personnel responded. She was transported to a local hospital where she was treated and released.

"The teenager was watching a local neighborhood fireworks display when a mortar-type firework tipped over right after it was ignited," said Inspector Norm Williamson with the Harris County Fire Marshal's Office. "She was approximately 70 feet away from the device when it malfunctioned, and she suffered burns to her hands, arms face and chest area. The long-sleeve jacket she was wearing prevented her injuries from being any more serious," added Williamson.

"We hope the young lady recovers completely," said Fire Marshal Mike Montgomery. "This just goes to show that accidents can happen even with adult supervision; any firework can be dangerous."

Montgomery said, "This was a relatively quiet fireworks season. So far, local fire departments have reported ten fireworks-related fires; none caused serious damage. The heavy rains right before the season helped reduce the number of fire calls, especially grass fires."

- Cy-Creek VFD 1 brush fire
- Cy-Fair VFD 2 dumpster fires, 1 grass fire
- Klein VFD 1 grass fire, 1 residential fire, 1 trash fire
- Spring VFD 2 grass fires
- West I-10 VFD 1 trash fire
- Westlake VFD 1 fireworks/burn injury (previously detailed)

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