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**Fire Department Introduces Self-Inspection Program**

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On March 31<sup>st</sup> 2008, the South Pasadena Fire Department will be asking all Apartment Owners in the City to complete "**Fire Safety Self- Inspections**" and send this information to the Fire Department for processing. The purpose of the "Self-Inspection Program" is to allow apartment owners and residents an opportunity to be a part of fire-life safety issues within their community. This program is an important way to reach out to the community and help the Fire Department help residents in promoting fire safety awareness.

On January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008, the new **International Fire Code** was adopted by California and the State Fire Marshals office. This new code replaces the 2000 Uniform Fire Code and now supercedes the 2001 California Fire Code. Although the City will see additional changes and requirements based upon fire safety regulations in the future, the Fire Department will focus first on Apartments within the City. Residential apartment fires are still a leading cause of fire-related deaths and injuries in the United States as noted by the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association).

Apartment owners will be receiving letters and a copy of a checklist that will help identify fire hazards. The checklist should be filled out in its entirety, signed, and sent back to the Fire Department at 817 Mound Ave in South Pasadena. The Fire Department will then complete follow-up inspections and work with the apartment owners to correct any deficiencies. If the self-inspection forms and checklists are not returned, the Fire Department will then request additional inspections be conducted by Fire Department personnel.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the South Pasadena Fire Department at (626) 403-7300.