



# WEST UNIVERSITY PLACE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## **ATTENTION: PROPERTY OWNERS/BUILDING CONTRACTORS**

**WANTED: STRUCTURES SCHEDULED FOR DEMOLITION**

**VACANT/ABANDONED BUILDINGS FOR TRAINING EXERCISES**

Due to the enforcement of better building codes, aggressive fire prevention activities in our schools and throughout the community, and an increased public awareness, the actual number of structure fires nationwide has decreased for the past few decades.

The West University Fire Department is constantly striving to provide additional training opportunities for our personnel to train on structures typical to the ones we respond to. Structures scheduled for demolition are potentially the best “classroom” for our Fire Officers to conduct training simulations and scenarios.

The West University Place Fire Department is asking property owners who may have a structure (residential or commercial) that is abandoned, vacant, or ready for demolition to allow firefighters to conduct training on it. The two types of training are:

- Non-Destructive: (search and rescue training)
- Destructive: (forcible entry, wall breaching, roof ventilation, etc.)

We understand the importance of keeping your building project on schedule and do not want to interfere with that in any way. We simply ask to provide us with any date range that will fit into your schedule.

**No live-fire training will be conducted on any structure at any time.**

Please see the attached **Property Owner Agreement & Liability Waiver Form**

## Property Owner Agreement & Waiver Form

I \_\_\_\_\_ (property owner), agree to allow The City of West University Place Fire Department to conduct training on the property addressed at \_\_\_\_\_ between the date(s) of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ under the following conditions:

Please let us know the type of training you will allow us to perform on the structure:

Please initial one of the following:

Non-Destructive \_\_\_\_\_ Destructive \_\_\_\_\_

- No lives fires will be set on such property. Any smoke generated will be of artificial means that will not endanger life or property.
- The West University Place Fire Department will secure the structure to the best of our ability with reasonable means after each training session to discourage anyone trespassing on such property.
- Nothing will be removed from the property by the members of the West University Place Fire Department.
- The City of West University Place assumes full responsibility for any injuries sustained by any member of the West University Place Fire Department during the training exercises at the property addressed above and the City of West University Place will not assert any claims against the property owner.
- The City of West University Place and the members of the West University Place Fire Department agree to hold harmless the property owner from any damages incurred to the property addressed above during their exercise. Furthermore, the property owner will not hold the City of West University Place or members of the City of West University Place Fire Department liable for damages to the structure as a result of the training exercise.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Building/Property Owner or Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Ph# \_\_\_\_\_

If you are interested in providing us this opportunity, please complete this agreement and submit it to the Building Department Office or you may fax it to the Fire Marshal's Office at 713-662-5303 and we will contact you for additional information.