



HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM UPDATE

To: All Officers and Members
From: Justin Wells, Assistant Chief *JW*
Through: Robert I. Garcia, Assistant Fire Chief *RIG*
Subject: Protect Nursing Home and Similar Care Resident Task Force for COVID-19
Date: April 28, 2020

At this time, we are no longer accepting emails of interest for the Protect Nursing Home and Similar Care Resident Task Force.

The Houston Fire Department will be collaborating with the Houston Health Department to provide comprehensive education and testing options for all willing residents and employees of nursing homes, assisted living centers, group homes and similar locations in the City of Houston. We will be creating a task force of personnel to provide infection control advice and guide these facilities on the CDC Nursing Home Assessment Tool for COVID-19 and preparedness.

Task force member training along with materials will be facilitated through the Health Department. The task force operational period will be Monday - Friday during normal business hours through overtime personnel. Classified members from all divisions are eligible but must be an EMT or higher certified. Members interested in participating in the task force will remain in their normal assignments and if selected, participate in the task force on an overtime basis. Qualified members wishing to participate should express their interest to Senior Captain Christine Langas at EMS HQ via email, christine.langas@houstontx.gov. Any questions regarding this memorandum will be addressed through the chain of command.

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