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News Item:	**Woodland Fire Department to Conduct Live Fire Structure Training Burn**
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The Woodland Fire Department will be conducting a training burn of a structure located in the unincorporated area of Yolo County North of Woodland. The Training will be held over a three day period with live-fire scenarios being held on November 14 and 15, 2009 from 9.00am to 5.00pm each day.

Live-fire training in structures is a rare opportunity for a fire department to practice proper techniques in fire suppression. The instructors will be following national safety standards and the State training curriculum for this exercise. Firefighters from Fairfield, Elk Grove, UC Davis, Stockton, South Placer County, Turlock and Woodland will be participating in the drill. These training burns require a tremendous amount of preparation and will be conducted according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standard for live-fire training.

This training became available through the cooperation of the property owner who will be developing this site in the future and who has donated the structure for fire department training. Over the last few months the fire department has utilized the building for a variety of drills including: fire investigation, multiple fire engine company evolutions, roof-top ventilation, firefighter rescue, and exercises for the Yolo County Office of Education Regional Occupational Program (ROP) Fire Academy.

During this training on November 14 and 15, local residents may see smoke, fire and fire equipment South of Interstate 5 and North of Kentucky Avenue. This property is ideal for training as it is located away from any nearby neighbors or adjacent buildings. Every effort has been made to ensure the safety of the community to carry out this training.

Questions regarding this training may be directed to Battalion Chief Jim Burau at (530) 661-5856.

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