INFORMATION NOTICE 2013-001

Subject: Foster Home Inspections

Effective: October 3, 2013

Code Reference: Texas Administrative Code, Title 40, Part 19, Chapter 749, Subchapter O, Division 1, Rule §749.2903

SCOPE:

Inform current and prospective foster parents and child placement agencies of Conroe Fire Department policy concerning foster home fire and life safety inspection.

DESCRIPTION OF CODE REFERENCE:

The Texas Administrative Code, Title 40, Part 19, Chapter 749, Subchapter O, Division 1, Rule §749.2903 allows child placement staff to utilize the Texas State Fire Marshal’s Office self-evaluation checklist for foster home inspections.

NOTICE:

Current and prospective foster parents may be required to have a fire inspection of their home as part of the placement process. The Conroe Fire Department has adopted the Texas State Fire Marshal’s Office policy on these types of inspections. This policy allows the family’s adoption/foster agency to perform a self-evaluation by using a checklist provided by the State Fire Marshal’s Office.

The Conroe Fire Department will only provide foster care inspections under the following circumstances:

1) If six or more children reside, or will reside, in the foster home. Additional fire safety requirements may apply.
2) If three or more infants (up to 24 months) reside, or will reside, in the foster home.
3) If one or more children, with primary medical needs, reside, or will reside, in the foster home.

The Conroe Fire Department does not provide home inspections for foster care unless one of these three criteria is met. Please contact your agency for inspection accommodations.

APPROVED:

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Conroe Fire Marshal