

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Public Information Office

News Release

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To:	All News Media, FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Subject:	SOLVANG ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE BURN OLD MISSION SANTA INES
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***GOOD PHOTO, VIDEO AND INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITY, ...LARGE
COMMUNITY GATHERING, FIRE SAFETY DEMONSTRATIONS WITH PUBLIC /
FIREFIGHTER INTERACTION AND DRAMATIC BURN EVENT!***

The City of Solvang will conduct its Annual Christmas Tree Burn on Friday night, January 9, 2008, at 6:30 PM. The event will be held at the same location in the field of the Old Mission Santa Ines. In our efforts to provide for public safety, the Santa Barbara County Fire Department will supervise the burn and we invite everyone to what has become one of the largest fire safety and community gatherings on the central coast. This tradition provides an opportunity for friends and neighbors to gather and bring the holiday celebrations to an end. County Fire will present fire safety demonstrations including how quickly and dramatically even a single Christmas tree can burn. We urge residents not to burn their trees in fireplaces. Sparks rising from the chimney can easily set your roof, or a neighbor's roof, on fire, and the intense flames can damage the inside of a fireplace making it prone to causing a chimney fire now, or a house fire in the future.

Please remove ornaments, stands or anything else attached to your tree if you are delivering it for the burn or having it picked up by sanitation.

LIFE SAFETY MESSAGE: *DON'T BURN YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE IN A FIREPLACE...ATTEND THE ANNUAL SOLVANG CHRISTMAS TREE BURN FOR FUN AND FIRE SAFETY DEMONSTRATIONS!

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