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Controlled Home Burns Along Merle Hay Road

JOHNSTON, Iowa – The Johnston-Grimes Metropolitan Fire Department will be conducting training and controlled burns on two properties along Merle Hay Road. The controlled burns are part of a training exercise and the homes will be burned down following the training.

The **first training and controlled burn** will be at **5495 Merle Hay Road** on **Friday, Dec. 10**. The department will begin training at 9 a.m. and the home will be burned down by 4 p.m.

The **second training and controlled burn** will be at **5475 Merle Hay Road**. The department will be training on Monday, Dec. 13, Wednesday, Dec. 15 and **Friday, Dec. 17**. The home will be burned down by 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 17.

Please do not be alarmed if you see smoke while traveling along Merle Hay Road or I-80/35. The Fire Department has the burns under control. If the wind speed increases on either of these days, the department will cancel the burn.

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