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Burleson's Fire Station #1 will be buzzing on Saturday, April 18, as the Burleson Fire Department hosts an Open House for the community. The free fun is noon to 3 p.m. at 828 S.W. Alsbury Blvd.

PHI air ambulance will be landing, MedStar ambulance will make the scene, and there will be tours of the fire trucks. Texas Health Huguley's Mobile Health Services Bus is hosting a kiddie obstacle course, promoting a healthy, active lifestyle, and, showing what it takes to be a fit firefighter. You can step in to the fire safety trailer to see what can happen if something is left unattended on the stove, and how quickly smoke can fill a room. And, what would a fire department open house be without a race to see who can get the fire gear on first?

You won't leave this open house hungry. There will be free hot dogs for everyone who attends.

The Burleson Fire Department, which now includes three stations, 37 career firefighters, and serves a population of more than 40,000 people, started out as an all-volunteer fire department in 1925. The history of the fire department, and the firefighters, will be on display April 18.

Today's department includes emergency management, emergency medical services, fire suppression and special operations – confined space rescue, hazardous materials, swift water rescue and urban search and rescue. The firefighters host a Junior Fire Academy each summer (there will be two this summer, July 27-30 and Aug. 3-6) and are currently hosting a Citizens Fire Academy (April 6-10).