# HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

**FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE**
**INSPECTION DIVISION**

**M.S. Montgomery**
***Fire Marshal***


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The Harris County Fire Marshal's Office has seen an increase in forged documents relating to fire and life safety inspections in state licensed facilities. So far the Fire Marshal's Office has uncovered eight alleged incidents involving tampering with a government record. The investigation includes four foster homes, three daycare facilities, and one assisted living facility.

Harris County Fire Marshal Mike Montgomery said, "These appear to be isolated incidents but the investigation is on-going and additional charges may be filed. It is our understanding that the State will require each of these facilities to come into compliance before they will issue or renew a license."

The charge filed is "Tampering with a Government Record with intent to defraud." The charge is classified as a second degree felony punishable by up to 5-20 years in prison and up a $10,000 fine.

If parents have any questions about the inspection status about any daycare in the unincorporated county, they should call 281-436-8020 or send an email request to fmosupport@fmo.hctx.net .

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