



City of McKinney Press Release
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McKinney to hold candlelight vigil as part of National Police Week

McKINNEY, TEXAS (May 5, 2010) – The McKinney Police Department will host a Candlelight Vigil Memorial Ceremony on May 11 at 7 p.m. at the Public Safety Building, 2200 Taylor Burk Drive. This ceremony honors the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy.

The Candlelight Vigil is a part of National Police Week, which takes place this year from May 9-15. The general public is invited and encouraged to attend this free ceremony.

There are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including 161 sworn members of the McKinney Police Department. Some 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries. Since the first recorded death in 1792, more than 18,600 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including three members of the McKinney Police Department.

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About McKinney

McKinney, Texas, is unique by nature. As one of the fastest-growing cities in the U.S., McKinney has a current population of 126,500. Incorporated in 1848, the city is located 30 miles north of Dallas and is the county seat of Collin County. McKinney offers rolling hills, lush trees, a historic downtown square and unique neighborhoods and developments, and it was recently ranked as one of the Top 10 Best Places to Move by Forbes Magazine. Visit the city's Web site at www.mckinneytexas.org.

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