



## **City of McKinney Media Advisory**

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### **McKinney Fire Department opens Station # 8**

McKINNEY, Texas (June 23, 2010) – The McKinney Fire Department and city officials will hold a dedication ceremony for McKinney Fire Station # 8 on Saturday, June 26. Members of the McKinney City Council and McKinney Fire Chief Mark Wallace will host the ceremony.

**What:** Dedication ceremony for McKinney Fire Station # 8

**When:** Saturday, June 26 at 9:30 a.m.

**Where:** 3445 Alma Road, McKinney

Station #8 houses an engine and ambulance and primarily serves the southwest portion of the city, including Craig Ranch. Firefighters were shifted from other fire stations in the city to staff the station.

The fire station was built in a renovated heavy equipment repair shop, which saved additional money and allowed for quicker completion. Sustainable building features include solar tubes and a wind turbine for supplemental power generation.

“It’s incredibly important to maintain sufficient levels of public safety for our growing city even during tough economic times. By using an existing structure, we saved time and money, both very crucial resources,” said Interim City Manager Rick Chaffin. “We are extremely pleased to dedicate this latest addition to the McKinney Fire Department operation.”

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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 127,000. 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. Visit the city’s Web site at [www.mckinneytexas.org](http://www.mckinneytexas.org).

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