



## News Release

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### McKinney Fire Department offers Citizens Fire Academy

*12-week course to teach personal safety, first aid, and other Fire Department functions*

McKINNEY, Texas ( Feb. 2, 2017) – The McKinney Fire Department is offering a Citizens Fire Academy beginning March 23 to educate residents about personal safety, first aid, search and rescue, fire-fighting techniques, and other fire department functions.

“Most citizens are unaware of the range of services offered by the McKinney Fire Department. These men and women are highly skilled and trained professionals,” said Captain Jared Turner. “They are ready at a moment’s notice to respond to any emergency and are an invaluable resource in educating citizens of all ages on ways to avoid fires, burns and other types of injury.”

The class will meet for 10 weeks on Thursday evenings from 6:30–9:30 p.m. at fire stations in McKinney. In addition to the Thursday evening classes, two Saturday classes will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday dates will be announced the first evening of class.

As one of the most popular and successful education programs offered by the fire department, the Citizens Fire Academy has a limited class size of 25 and will fill quickly. Applications are due March 6th. Please visit [www.mckinneyfire.org](http://www.mckinneyfire.org) to download an application, email [contact-fire@mckinneytexas.org](mailto:contact-fire@mckinneytexas.org) or call 972-547-2893 for more information.

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#### About McKinney

McKinney, Texas, is unique by nature. As one of the fastest growing cities in America, McKinney has a current population of more than 168,000. The city was #1 on the list of Best Places to Live in America in 2014, published by *Money Magazine*. Established in 1848, the city is located 30 miles north of Dallas and is the county seat of Collin County. McKinney offers award-winning schools, a vibrant historic downtown, diverse housing options, a robust economy and a uniquely beautiful natural setting, with rolling hills and lush trees. Visit the city’s website at [www.mckinneytexas.org](http://www.mckinneytexas.org).

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