



## News Release

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## McKinney Fire Department to host fourth annual Youth Career Exploration Camp

McKINNEY, Texas (May 16, 2017) – The McKinney Fire Department (MFD) is accepting applications for the fourth annual Youth Career Exploration Camp for children ages 12-15 years to be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 26-30 and July 17-21 at the Wysong Central Fire Station #1, 301 N. McDonald St. Campers will explore fire and emergency response service careers through classroom and in-the-field instructions.

Campers will be introduced to fire inspections and arson investigation, emergency management, CPR and basic first aid. Other exciting activities include physical agility drills, riding in a fire engine and visiting community fire stations. By hosting these camps, the MFD hopes to inspire children of all ages and backgrounds to pursue a gratifying and exhilarating career in the public safety field.

The camp registration fee is \$25 for residents and \$40 for non-residents. Applications are due June 16 for the first camp and July 7 for the second camp. The camp is limited to 12 participants and space is filled on a first come, first served basis. The fee covers a T-shirt, lunch, snacks and transportation costs. For more information, including how to apply, contact the MFD Public Information and Education Coordinator at 972-547-2893. The Youth Career Exploration Camp is sponsored in part by the Alliance for Elite Youth Leadership.

All of the lessons and activities are taught by emergency services professionals, which gives participants the opportunity to network and connect with individuals working in their area of interest. Prior experience and knowledge of the fire and emergency response services is not required.

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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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