

City of McKinney News Release
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Sprinkler system prevented major loss to Century Lake Forest Apartments

McKINNEY, Texas (July 3, 2017) – McKinney Fire Department (MFD) responded to a structure fire incident June 24th at the Century Lake Forest Apartments located at 5201 Collin McKinney Parkway. Responding units discovered the fire sprinkler system had activated and had controlled and extinguished a grease fire in the apartment kitchen. A single sprinkler head is credited for the minimal damage, resulting in saving over an estimated \$1,000,000 in property loss, and reinforcing the value of fire sprinkler systems. No injuries reported from the fire.



“This successful save by the sprinkler system demonstrates the effectiveness of an automatic fire sprinkler systems in an apartment complex environment. Had the sprinkler system not been present, the outcome could have been very different,” said Deputy Fire Marshal Andrew Barr. “This incident further demonstrates the importance of not leaving the kitchen unattended while cooking”.

Two apparatus and investigators from the Fire Marshal’s Office responded to the fire.

For additional information on fire protection systems, code requirements or other fire prevention topics, visit www.mckinneyfire.org or call 972-547-2879.

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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 162,000. 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.

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