

**City of McKinney News Release**  
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## **McKinney Fire Department welcomes home 1924 American La France Fire Engine**

McKINNEY, Texas (July 24, 2017) – The McKinney Fire Department (MFD) will host a ceremonial procession at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 29 to welcome the return of a 1924 American La France fire engine to its original home at the Wysong Central Fire Station. The fire engine will retire for permanent residency at the McKinney Fire Museum, 301 N. McDonald St.

The fire truck was purchased by the MFD in 1924 and operated locally for several decades before being sold to a lumberyard. Jack Moss, the son of Orlia Moss who was the MFD Assistant Fire Chief in the 1920-30's, frequently visited the fire station with his father and had fond memories of the fire truck. Years later, Jack found the truck, purchased it and cared for it through the years. In 2007, the Moss family donated the truck to MFD and the McKinney Economic Development Corporation granted funds for restoration in 2010 and 2013.



"It's important to preserve the legacy and history of the fire department, and this fire engine is a special symbol of our roots in this community," said MFD Chief Danny Kistner. "I know Jack and the entire Moss family are excited to see this engine returned home where it belongs."

The celebration will begin with a procession from City Hall down Hunt Street to Wysong Central Fire Station before being ceremonially pushed into the museum. The program will conclude with comments from Mayor George Fuller and Chief Kistner. The event is free and the community is invited to see a piece of McKinney's history welcomed home.

If you would like to schedule a museum or fire station tour, or for other information on fire and life safety issues, visit [www.mckinneyfire.org](http://www.mckinneyfire.org) or call 972-547-2893.

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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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