



City of McKinney News Release

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Residential fire in McKinney results in substantial damage

McKINNEY, Texas (Aug. 15, 2017) - McKinney Fire Department (MFD) responded just after midnight to a two-story single residential structure fire Aug. 13 at 1300 Pecos Trail. Home owners began to smell smoke coming from the attic after hearing and feeling a loud lightning strike. The family exited the residence with no injuries.

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reports during 2007-2011, U.S. local fire departments responded to an average of 22,600 fires per year that were started by lightning. These fires caused an average of nine civilian deaths, 53 civilian injuries, and \$451 million in direct property damage per year. Most of these fires occurred outdoors, but most associated deaths, injuries, and property damage were associated with home fires.



“With an abnormal storm season upon us, remember if you hear and feel a lightning strike, call 911 immediately,” said Fire Marshal Mike Smith. “Use surge protectors or disconnect electrical components to protect them.”

Approximately 27 MFD personnel, 13 apparatus, and investigators from the Fire Marshal’s Office responded to the fire. The source of the fire appears to have been caused by natural causes during the thunderstorm.

For additional information on fire prevention, fire and life safety tips and smoke alarms, visit www.nfpa.org or 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.

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