

City of McKinney News Release

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McKinney Fire Department's McTown Klownz return to teach fire safety in local schools

Clown troupe identify injury trends and teach prevention to elementary age children

McKINNEY, Texas (Sept. 21, 2017) – The McKinney Fire Department (MFD) is dedicated to sharing important life safety messages with children in McKinney Independent School District and surrounding school districts. This year marks the 24th season the McTown Klownz troupe, a group of active MFD Firefighters, will perform in local schools throughout September and October to reach a new generation of children.

In honor of Fire Prevention Month, Hose, Siren, Bucky, Blaze and Plug, Mr. Sean and DJ Fuego along with puppets and other characters will perform in 30 schools for more than 10,000 children. The McTown Klownz teach fire and life safety lessons that were developed from identifying current injury trends in elementary age children. Knowing the dangers of fire first hand, the group of clowns volunteer their time to perform for children and educate them on prevention tips.

“What the Klownz program has been able to accomplish in partnering with our school districts and educating children, is priceless,” said Fire Marshal Mike Smith. “Instilling in children the importance of being committed to fire prevention continues to pay off generation to generation.”

For more information on the McTown Klownz and the MFD, visit 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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