



City of McKinney News Release

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Smoke Alarms do their job and alert resident of fire in the home

McKINNEY, Texas (Oct. 4, 2017) – McKinney Fire Department (MFD) responded to a single story residential structure fire Oct. 3 at 1705 W. Midway Street just before 11:30 a.m. A Juvenile at the residence was awakened by the sound of the smoke alarms going off and was able to exit the home, along with the family dogs. The juvenile went to the neighbor's house, and they called 911. Arriving MFD units reported heavy smoke inside the home, and located the fire in the kitchen. MFD initiated an interior fire attack, and the fire was quickly brought under control and extinguished. Fire, heat and smoke damage was localized to the kitchen and living room area. No injuries were reported.

“The smoke alarms demonstrated the effectiveness of smoke alarms as first alerts in home fires, and a working smoke alarm can save your life,” said Fire Marshal Mike Smith. “Home fires are the greatest disaster threat to American families. Seven people die every day from home fires.”

Approximately 30 MFD personnel, and investigators from the Fire Marshal's Office responded to the fire. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.



“Fire Prevention Week, is October 8-14 and this year's theme: “Every Second Counts: Plan 2 ways Out!” is so important. It reinforces why everyone needs to have an escape plan,” said Elizabeth Agan, MFD Public Education and Information Coordinator.

For additional information on fire prevention, fire and life safety tips and smoke alarms, visit www.mckinneyfire.org or call 972-547-2862.

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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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