



City of McKinney Press Release

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McKinney neighbors celebrate safety for National Night Out McKinney public safety officers spread crime awareness on Oct. 13

McKINNEY, Texas (Oct. 1, 2009) – For the thirteenth year, the McKinney Fire and Police Departments join forces with communities across the city to celebrate the National Association of Town Watch’s well-known and celebrated program called National Night Out on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

The annual event serves to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community relations and send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

The popular National Night Out event that McKinney neighborhoods have come to love and look forward to each year is once again held in October this year, following the trend from 2008. Texas tested the event in October last year to counter the sweltering heat of August, which was the traditional National Night Out date across the country. McKinney residents responded with the enthusiasm police and fire officials are accustomed to.

“Year after year, McKinney residents turn out in record numbers to celebrate National Night Out, showing their dedication to keeping McKinney one of the safest communities in the country. We are consistently recognized for participation, and this year will be no different,” said National Night Out Coordinator and McKinney Police officer Randy Haak.

Last year’s National Night Out in McKinney ranked 26th in the nation and 5th in the state for its “Outstanding Participation” in the program. Visit www.mckinnepolice.org for more information and for registration forms.

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About McKinney

McKinney, Texas, is unique by nature. As one of the fastest-growing cities in the U.S., McKinney has a current population of 122,000. Incorporated in 1848, the city is located 30 miles north of Dallas and is the county seat of Collin County. McKinney offers rolling hills, lush trees, a historic downtown square and unique neighborhoods and

developments, and it was recently ranked as one of the Top 10 Best Places to Move by Forbes Magazine. Visit the city's Web site at www.mckinneytexas.org.

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