

City of McKinney News Release

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McKinney Fire Department names child honorary firefighter

McKINNEY, Texas (Oct. 25, 2016) – The McKinney Fire Department honored Markus Carpenter, age 6, by making him an honorary firefighter during a McTown Klownz performance at Nell Burks Elementary School. Carpenter, who has Spina Bifida, has a life-long dream of becoming a firefighter.

His mother Candice Gilmore and sister Reagan Mills attended the event. The love for the Fire Department extends beyond Carpenter. Mills attended the McKinney Youth Fire Career Exploration Camp this summer.

“Thank you to everyone who helped create such a special day for Markus. He will never forget this and neither will the family,” said Gilmore. “Markus’ love and dedication to the Fire Department is amazing.”



“We are honored to welcome Markus to the McKinney Fire Department as an honorary firefighter,” said Fire Chief Danny Kistner.

Editor’s note: High resolution photos available upon request.

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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 162,000. 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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