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McKinney Fire Departments implements Fire & Life Safety Self-Evaluation Program

McKINNEY, Texas (Nov 1, 2016) – The McKinney Fire Department (MFD) announced the implementation of its Fire & Life Safety Self-Evaluation Program. The new Fire & Life Safety self –evaluation program is designed for light hazard commercial occupancies that do not have a high occupant load or have a high level of risk. Light hazard occupancies are locations where there are low amounts of combustible materials within he occupied space, including furnishings, decorations and content. These occupancies may include; small business or professional offices, small retail shops, small personal service shops with less than 1, 500 square feet.

The Fire & Life Safety self –evaluation program is a fairly simply concept. The business safety self-evaluation form is online and businesses can access the form at www.mckinneytexas.org/selfevaluation using a computer or smart device. The self-evaluation is due within a 90 day time period of receiving notification the business qualifies for the program.

“Our goal with the implementation of the business self-evaluation program, was to first and foremost educate the business owners with regards to fire safety. With the business owners performing the evaluation, this would bring buy-in and heightened awareness that we would hope would carry over to their daily operations,” said Deputy Fire Marshal Andrew Barr. “We want the evaluation to be as easy as possible. By allowing the business owner to perform the evaluation on their time and providing the tools they need to be successful, we have created a unique fire safety partnership with our small, low risk, business community.”

McKinney Fire Inspectors are trained in current fire code requirements and are available to answer any questions about the program. The self-evaluation program is not mandatory. All selected businesses will also be given the opportunity to request an in-person inspection, please contact the Fire Marshal’s Office at contact-fire@mckinneytexas.org or at 972-547-2850.

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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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