



# News Release

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## **McKinney Police Department moves up on national recognition for National Night Out event**

*Program recognized for resident and police participation, promotional campaign*

McKINNEY, Texas (Dec. 8, 2016) – The City of McKinney Police Department (MPD) has once again received national recognition for its participation in the 2016 National Night Out (NNO) program by the National Association of Town Watch. This year, the MPD placed fourth in the state of Texas and 16th nationwide for populations of 100,000 to 300,000, up from fifth in the state and 17th nationwide in 2015.

NNO is an enjoyable way to increase neighborhood spirit, improve police-community partnerships and keep our city safer. This past August, the MPD hosted its annual NNO event and featured 45 different block parties with more than 2,000 participants focused on bringing together the community and Police Department.

“McKinney has one of the top participation rates in the country and continues to grow each year. This event provides a great opportunity to get out and meet your neighbors and our officers,” said McKinney Police Chief Greg Conley. “We are very pleased to receive this award and be recognized across the nation for the great work happening here in McKinney.”

The NNO awards recognize 12 categories of NNO programs throughout the nation for their participation and organization of NNO parties. Awards are based on the quality of the NNO program, citizen and police involvement as well as the promotional campaign leading up to the event.

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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](http://www.mckinneytexas.org).

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