



## City of McKinney News Release

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### McKinney Fire Department celebrates five paramedic certifications

McKINNEY, Texas (Dec. 8, 2016) – The McKinney Fire Department (MFD) is proud to announce the graduation of five paramedics from Emergency Medical Training Services (EMTS). Becoming a paramedic is the highest level of certification in the pre-hospital setting. The intensive 12-month program builds on the skills learned as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and develops a comprehensive understanding of emergency medicine.

“Paramedic training takes a substantial commitment, we are proud of their accomplishment,” said EMS Battalion Chief Jason Hockett. “This training is crucial to providing our growing city with the emergency medical care our citizens expect.”

Those acknowledged were John Bell, Oliver Bradley, Aaron Curry, Scott LaCaze and Taylor Kraus. Special recognition was given to Curry by State Senator Van Taylor for his public service to McKinney and for his military service where he earned the prestigious Combat Infantryman Badge and a Purple Heart, along with numerous other Army commendations. House Representative Scott Sanford presented Curry with a Texas flag in honor of his selfless service and sacrifice in the U.S. Army and his continued service with the MFD.

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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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