



City of McKinney News Release
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McKinney Fire Department names Fire Marshal

Michael Smith has been Interim since July 2016

McKINNEY, Texas (Dec. 16, 2016) - The McKinney Fire Department (MFD) announced today Michael R. Smith as Fire Marshal. Smith has been acting Interim Fire Marshal since July 2016.

Smith has been in the fire service for more than 30 years with more than 22 years of Fire Department leadership. He previously worked as Fire Marshal for Collin County. During this time, he also managed the fire district, EMS contracts, mobile incident command, and hazardous materials within the county. Prior to his work at the county, Smith served as the US Fire Marshal in Antarctica, the Fire Marshal for Flower Mound Fire Department, Assistant Fire Marshal for North Richland Hills Fire Department and nine years in the Fire Department crash fire rescue in the US Air Force Reserves.

Smith holds a degree in fire science from Tarrant County College and holds Master level certifications from the Texas Fire Commission and Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

“Michael has a wealth of experience serving as Fire Marshal, particularly in the DFW area, and we are confident our Fire Department will benefit from his leadership,” said Fire Chief Danny Kistner.

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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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