



City of McKinney News Release
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Fire Sprinkler activation stops fire and minimizes damage

McKinney Fire Department highlights the effectiveness of commercial fire sprinkler systems

McKINNEY, Texas (Jan. 4, 2017) – The McKinney Fire Department (MFD) recently responded to an early morning automatic water flow in a three-story commercial structure at 7250 Virginia Pkwy. Units on scene encountered smoke and upgraded to a first alarm structure fire assignment.

Investigation of the smoke revealed the automatic fire sprinkler systems had activated and was controlling a fire in the dryer of a nail salon. A single sprinkler head is being credited for the minimal damage while reinforcing the value of commercial fire sprinkler systems. No injuries were reported from the fire.

Approximately 24 MFD personnel responded to the fire that was brought under control quickly. Damage is estimated to be around \$50,000.

“This successful sprinkler save continues to demonstrate the effectiveness of automatic fire sprinkler systems in multi business outlets. Had a fire sprinkler system not been present, the outcome may have been very different,” said Deputy Fire Marshal Andrew Barr.

The MFD personnel, including investigators from the Fire Marshal’s office, were on scene for approximately four hours before leaving the location. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

For additional information on fire protection systems, code requirements, or other fire prevention topics, visit www.mckinneyfire.org or call 972-547-2879.

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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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