



City of McKinney News Release FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Apartment fire in McKinney results in significant damage *Smoke alarms alert tenants to fire*

McKINNEY, Texas (Feb. 10, 2017) – McKinney Fire Department (MFD) responded to a multi-family structure fire Feb. 8 at Ashton Oaks Apartments, 2003 Skyline Dr., shortly before 9 p.m. Tenants reported heavy smoke and flames going up the side of one of the apartments patio walls. Arriving MFD units went into aggressive suppression and were able to extinguish the fire quickly. Significant fire, heat and smoke damage to the exterior and internal walls of the affected apartment. Ashton Oaks Apartments do not have fire sprinkler systems in their units.

Tenants were able to exit the apartment complex building and reported no injuries. Firefighters were able to rescue a dog inside the residence affected by the heavy smoke and fire.

“A smoke alarm is the most important safety feature of your home,” said Fire Marshal Michael Smith. “Properly installed, working smoke alarms provide the early warning you need to escape from fire safely.”



Approximately 30 MFD personnel, 12 apparatus and investigators from the Fire Marshal’s Office responded to the fire. The cause of the fire was from discarded smoking materials.

For additional information on fire prevention, fire and life safety tips and smoke alarms, visit www.mckinneyfire.org or call 972-547-2893.

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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 168,000. 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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