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Fire Department toy drive to benefit advocacy center *New, unwrapped toys accepted starting Nov. 20*

MURPHY (November 9, 2017) Murphy Fire Rescue is continuing its annual toy drive this year to benefit the kids served by the Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County. The generosity of Murphy residents has made this event highly successful each year it is held.

New, unwrapped toys for boys and girls will be collected by the members of the department starting on Monday, Nov. 20 and continuing through Monday, Dec. 11. Toys can be dropped off at any time of day, during this period, by visiting the Fire Station, 206 North Murphy Road.

Again this year, Santa Claus himself will be accepting toys from residents. That happens on the evening of Monday, Dec. 4.

Toy donors can drive through the Fire Station, hand off their toys and get a special thank you from Santa as well as a candy cane. Donors will then proceed out of the rear of the Fire Station, entering onto Tom Clevenger Drive and back onto North Murphy Road.

The drive through begins at 5:30 p.m. and the last car will be accommodated at 8 p.m.

Drivers coming to the special event from the direction of Tom Kimbrough Stadium will be required to make a U-turn at either the entrance to City Hall or the Murphy Community Center and drive on the northbound lane to enter the station. Caution is always encouraged for drivers as North Murphy Road can become congested during this period.

Brightly colored Christmas lights will be positioned to assist drivers enter the correct bay. Attentiveness while driving through the bay is, of course, essential.

Parking at the Fire Station is not available, but visitors who want a photo with Santa may park around City Hall and at the PSA. Donors wishing to take a photo are encouraged to drop off their toys first, then park their vehicles at those lots.

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Note to editors: A map accompanies this release.

ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 19,330, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income above the state average. With more than 70 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a country feel while exhibiting an aggressive economic development stance. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27th Best Place to Live in America for small cities, and D Magazine placed Murphy as the fifth best suburb in the 2014 list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.