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# News Release

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## Annual Santa Claus fire engine ride set for Dec. 6 start *Residents can track exact location of St. Nick on website*

MURPHY (November 15, 2021) Even though his legendary sense of direction has never come into question, Murphy Fire Rescue is taking no chances, providing Santa Claus a multi-evening familiarization tour of the City of Murphy starting on Dec. 6.

On each of the evenings, which do not include Sundays, the jolly old elf will board a Murphy Fire Engine at 6:30 p.m. and greet kids in every Murphy neighborhood until 8:30 p.m.

“The only exceptions will be short cul-de-sacs,” says Fire Chief Del Albright. “Of course, should we have inclement weather, or a real-life emergency, the ride for that specific evening will be either postponed or cancelled.”

Santa’s ride is scheduled to cover every neighborhood in Murphy, so kids and their parents or guardians should be on the lookout for the fire engine.

A handy interactive map at <http://www.murphytx.org/480/Santas-Ride> will allow residents to see exactly where Santa is on any of the evening rides. Once opened, the map lets residents identify their specific home and the numeric waypoint on the map closest to their home. The ride will follow the waypoints in order and will be outlined in a green dotted line. Once Santa passes a waypoint, the line becomes solid red. A small fire truck on the map displays Santa's exact location.

As always, Santa will be securely strapped to the fire engine, so he won’t be able to disembark and interact with anyone. In fact, to complete the entire City within the timeframe, the engine will not be able to stop for any length of time.

Because Santa can’t get off the engine, firefighters, members of their families, and perhaps even some Council members will be tossing wrapped candy from the back of the fire engine. As a precaution, officials ask that parents accompany small children and keep an eye on them as Santa makes his way through the neighborhood.

The fire engine will have all of the brightly colored emergency lights ablaze and will be sounding the siren, all intended to alert residents of the presence of the celebrity from the North Pole.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 20,010, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income well above the state average. With more than 80 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a family-oriented community with a strong sense of place. 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.