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Moms of Murphy hold concert for public safety personnel

MURPHY (April 30, 2015) Expressing a deep appreciation for the work of Murphy's public safety personnel in protecting lives and property, the Moms of Murphy (MoM) group has scheduled a concert in their honor.

Set for Sunday, May 17 at the Murphy Central Park amphitheater, the MoM group has obtained the services of rising country and western singer Blane Howard, currently of Nashville. Howard will play from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The free concert, billed as a tribute to the firefighters, paramedics and police officers of Murphy, is open to the public.

Howard, a native of Arkansas, now makes his home in Nashville. He tours the country performing his original songs and favorite covers, and has opened for some of country music's biggest acts as he continues to develop his evolving style.

With close relatives living in Murphy, Howard has been a frequent visitor to the City and has often expressed an affection for the local area.

Approached by the Moms of Murphy with the idea of the concert to honor the public safety crews, he immediately agreed, committing to the two-hour tribute.

Assistant Fire Chief Greg Werner was contacted by representatives of the MoM group and expressed both surprise and gratitude on behalf of the Murphy Fire and Police Departments.

"We are honored and humbled by this wonderful demonstration," he said. "We, of course, chose this profession to serve, not to be served. But when such an act of appreciation for the work we do is presented by a group such as the Moms of Murphy, we are most certainly grateful."

The concert comes just after the week set aside annually to honor all public service employees. By national decree, the third week in May is set aside to bring attention to the work accomplished by public employees at the federal, state, county and municipal levels. This year, the week of May 10 -16 has been declared Public Service Recognition Week.

The Moms of Murphy group has been a strong supporter of the City of Murphy, sponsoring a number of events and activities, including the Howl-O-Ween celebration at the Murphy Animal Shelter. Members of the group also consistently volunteer for a variety of City functions and activities.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 18,020, 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. The centrally-located municipal complex includes four buildings that house Fire, Police, City Administration and Public Works. 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.