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Fire Rescue sets Open House for Saturday, October 21 *Department is celebrating its Golden Anniversary*

MURPHY (September 27, 2023) Members of the Murphy Fire Department cordially invite residents to the Murphy Fire Station on Saturday, Oct. 21 to take part in the traditional Fire Station Open House. This year, the Fire Department is celebrating 50 years of service to the citizens of Murphy.

Doors to the event open at 10 a.m. at the station, 206 North Murphy Road, and festivities continue until 2 p.m. Parking is readily available at the various City Hall lots in the municipal complex. Open House guests should refrain from parking in the lots immediately adjacent to the Fire Station, as those spots are reserved for staff and emergency vehicles.

As customary, the Open House concludes the annual celebration of Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 8 through 14. This year's theme is "Cooking Safety Starts With You." Firefighters remind residents that cooking fires are the nation's leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of cooking fires and deaths.

Fire personnel offer these important cooking tips: Pot handles should always be turned toward the back of the stove and lids should be placed nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, the lid should be placed over the pan and the burner turned off. Whatever is being heated should be closely watched. A timer should be set as a reminder that something is on the stove. A kid-free zone of at least three feet around the stove and areas where hot food is being prepared should be established and enforced.

The Open House will feature live demonstrations of the various firefighting and life-saving activities that firefighters and paramedics undertake on a daily basis. Attendees may also take advantage of tours of the Fire Station, learning how firefighters spend their days. Highlights of the event will be a live vehicle extrication and the landing of the Careflite helicopter unless a real-life emergency occurs requiring the crew's assistance.

Younger children will be invited to play in the bounce house shaped like a fire truck, and kids of all ages will be challenged to master the Junior Firefighter Obstacle Course. Games, face painting, movies, and CPR demonstrations will also be part of the festivities. As always, Sparky the Fire Dog will make an appearance greeting attendees and posing for photographs. Free food and drinks will be offered.

Further information on the Open House, or on any aspect of fire safety, can be obtained by calling the Fire Department at (972) 468-4300.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 21,200, 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 its annual list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.