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# News Release

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## Santa rides move up a half-hour to make up rain delays

MURPHY (December 10, 2018) Rain showers over the last week have hampered Santa Claus from making his scheduled rides throughout Murphy, and in response, he has asked that the rides begin earlier in the evening, hoping that the extra time will help him catch up.

The “elves” at Murphy Fire Rescue who form the jolly old elf’s transportation squad, are more than happy to accommodate the request.

Starting on Wednesday, Dec. 12 and continuing throughout the remainder of Santa’s rides, the starting time has moved up one-half hour. Start time is now 6 p.m. Rides will end at 8:30 p.m.

Santa’s ride, atop a Murphy fire engine with lights ablaze, the bell ringing, and accompanied by an occasional blast from the siren, will cover every street in Murphy with the exception of short cul-de-sacs, that have not already been traveled.

“We’ll still take the jolly old elf around every evening, except Sundays,” says Fire Chief Del Albright. “He’ll be safely strapped to the engine, so he won’t be able to disembark. In fact, the engine will not be able to stop for any length of time at all.”

Each neighborhood and subdivision will be included in the schedule. However, should there be more rain or a real-life emergency, the schedule for a particular neighborhood or subdivision may be altered.

An interactive map, with live tracking is posted on [www.murphytx.org](http://www.murphytx.org).

Residents should check the site for an approximate time and date of Santa’s drive-by visit in each neighborhood.

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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.