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Fire Rescue sets Open House for Saturday, October 16

MURPHY (October 4, 2021) Residents are invited to the Murphy Fire Station on Saturday, Oct. 16 to participate in the resumption of the annual Murphy Fire Rescue Open House. The welcome mat at the station is out once again after skipping last year.

Doors to the event open at 10 a.m. at the station, 206 North Murphy Road, and festivities continue until 3 p.m. Parking is readily available at the various City Hall lots on the municipal campus. The Open House caps off the annual celebration of Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 3 to 9. This year's theme is "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety."

While firefighters will continue to emphasize that families put together an escape plan that gets occupants out of a burning structure, including the selection of a meeting point away from the building, this year additional emphasis will be placed on recognizing and taking the appropriate action when the various beeps and chirps of smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms are heard.

For example, when a smoke alarm continually beeps three times in rapid succession, it means that smoke has been detected and occupants must exit the building and call 9-1-1. On the other hand, when the alarm chirps once every one to two minutes, it means the battery must be changed. If the chirping continues after a fresh battery is inserted, it's time to replace the alarm.

Similarly, when a carbon monoxide alarm continuously beeps four times in rapid succession, it means that CO is present and that occupants must exit the building and call 9-1-1. Like the smoke alarm, a single chirp every minute or so means that the battery must be changed. CO alarms also have a distinctive sound when they reach the "end of life" stage when the entire unit must be replaced.

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. A highlight will be the landing of the Careflite helicopter on the grounds of the municipal complex.

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, 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.

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 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.