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Plano Fire-Rescue Hosts U.S. Deputy Fire Administrator Denis Onieal

Plano Fire-Rescue will host U.S. Deputy Fire Administrator Denis Onieal as he presents to area fire chiefs on the future of the fire service and emergency services.

Dr. Onieal was named to the position of Deputy U.S. Fire Administrator for the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) in May 2015. He is responsible for managing the U.S. Fire Administration and the programs and training activities at the National Emergency Training Center. Prior to this appointment, Dr. Onieal served as the superintendent of the National Fire Academy from 1995 to 2015. His presentation in Plano will highlight the significant issues fire and emergency services will face over the next 35 years.

“It is an honor to have Dr. Onieal in Plano speaking to the topics my department and those around us will inevitably face,” said Plano Fire Chief Sam Greif. “Plano Fire-Rescue invites our area peers to hear one of the nation’s most renowned individuals in the fire service help us prepare for the future.”

Dr. Onieal’s presentation, scheduled for Friday, February 15 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm, is open to local fire chiefs and their seconds-in-command and is free of charge. Registration is required by emailing lgreen@plano.gov and seating is limited. The presentation will be held at Plano Fire Administration located at 1901 K Avenue, Plano 75074.

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About Plano Fire-Rescue

Plano Fire-Rescue is a progressive and recognized fire department providing both emergency services (fire suppression, emergency medical services, rescue, hazardous materials response, and wildland fire fighting) and non-emergency services (fire and life safety education, building fire protection systems engineering and review, fire code enforcement and community event support) from 13 strategically placed fire stations with a roster of 388 sworn personnel and 11 civilian employees. Plano Fire-Rescue holds a Class 1 ISO Rating, and accreditation from both the Center for Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) and the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS). With the goal of providing the best service to the citizens and visitors of Plano, the department mission/purpose statement includes the core values each employee strives to reflect, *Plano Fire-Rescue, Professional service with heart – integrity always*. Please visit planofire.org.